

Canadian Attempt to Teach Russia Geography Botched by Map Fail

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Canada's mission to NATO has taken to heart Russia's claim that its 10 captured servicemen crossed into Ukraine by mistake, deciding to solve the problem with a geography lesson.

"Geography can be tough," the delegation tweeted on Wednesday. "Here's a guide for Russian soldiers who keep getting lost & 'accidentally' entering Ukraine."

Attached to the comment was a map with a red-marked Russia labeled "Russia," Ukraine, in blue, marked as "Not Russia," and surrounding countries in white and unmarked.

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Ironically, the Canadian mission's lesson went askew as the exclave Kaliningrad — West

of Lithuania — is also painted in white, despite belonging to Russia since 1945.

Crimea and the town of Sevastopol are also colorless, though it is unclear whether the mission did so to make a political statement on the legitimacy of Russia's annexation of the Black Sea peninsula in March.

"What I've heard is that they were patrolling the border and could have ended up on Ukrainian territory," President Vladimir Putin told journalists on Wednesday when asked about the 10 captured Russian servicemen captured on Ukrainian soil by that country's security services.

Putin thereby confirmed the tone for the official Kremlin line as continuing to portray the incident as unintentional and deny active Russian involvement in the continuing clashes between separatists and government forces in Ukraine's East.

Earlier, an unidentified source at the Defense Ministry said the men had crossed the border unintentionally.

"The mentioned servicemen were patrolling the Russian-Ukrainian border, and crossed it, probably, accidentally, at an unmarked border point," the source told news agency RIA-Novosti on Tuesday.

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