

# Russia Would Consider NATO Training Center in Georgia a Provocation

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Georgian servicemen stand in formation during an opening ceremony of the Georgia-NATO joint training and evaluation center at the Krtsanisi settlement outside Tbilisi, Georgia, Aug. 27, 2015.

Russia considers the opening of a NATO training center in Georgia provocative, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Thursday.

Russia believes that a further strengthening of ties between the Western military alliance and Tbilisi would destabilize the security situation in the region, Zakharova told a briefing.

NATO said on Thursday that a new training center opened in Georgia would help the former Soviet republic to move closer to membership in the military alliance.

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