

# NATO Secretary General Says Russia Trying to Split Alliance

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NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said that Russia has made “numerous attempts” to intimidate its neighbors and split NATO, the RIA Novosti news agency reported Tuesday.

In a live interview with CNN, Stoltenberg said that despite “numerous attempts by Moscow to intimidate its neighbors and break up NATO, the alliance will respond with strengthened unity and by adapting our military concepts.”

Stoltenberg emphasized that reinforcing the alliance's eastern borders with NATO troops “makes it possible to keep an assertive Russia under control.”

He also said that NATO is concerned about the presence of Russian military in Syria and the Mediterranean, stating that in response the alliance was forced to increase military presence in Turkey and the eastern Mediterranean.

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