

Russia to Deploy More Force At Western Border to Counter NATO

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Russia is going to build up its military presence along its western border due to NATO's growing activity in Eastern Europe, the Interfax news agency reported Friday, citing an unidentified source.

The relocation of two brigades of motorized infantry from Russia's central regions "can certainly be viewed as Russia's response to NATO's increasing activity near our borders," the source told Interfax.

The brigades will form part of three new divisions, which are expected to be deployed in the Smolensk, Voronezh and Rostov regions by December, Interfax reported.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu first spoke about forming the new divisions back in January, Interfax reported.

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