

Russia-West Incidents in the Air and at Sea 2016-2017: Out of the Danger Zone?

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Air and Sea Encounters and Incidents List 2016-17

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The Methodology

The incident data used in this project was assembled through open-source research conducted with web-based search engines and access to academic databases. Search terms included relevant state actors, geographic regions, and other common features of these events to varying degrees of specificity. Each source was compared to independent publications when possible to ensure high levels of information accuracy. Box indicates a potential incident.

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3. Air Encounter

Date: January 19, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Fighters flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, did not respond to communication attempts, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from January 18 to 24, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 25, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_01/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_january_18_to_24_2016.html?pbck=0
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3. Air Encounter

Date: January 19, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Fighters flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Tu-134 aircraft flying over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, did not respond to communication attempts, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from January 18 to 24, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 25, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_01/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_january_18_to_24_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," NATO, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

4. Air Incident

Date: January 25, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Black Sea

Details: A Russian Su-27 military jet intercepted an American RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft in international airspace over the Black Sea, at one point coming within 5 meters of the other plane. The incident was described as unsafe and unprofessional by American officials.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Barbara Starr and Brad Lendon, "Russian fighter came within 15 feet of U.S. Air Force jet," *CNN*, January 30, 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/29/politics/us-russia-planes-intercept/index.html>
- Sam LaGrone, "Pentagon: Russian Fighter Conducted 'Unsafe' Intercept of U.S. Recon Plane Over Black Sea," *USNI News*, January 28, 2016. <https://news.usni.org/2016/01/28/pentagon-russian-fighter-conducted-unsafe-intercept-of-u-s-recon-plane-over-black-sea>
- Luis Martinez, "Russian Fighter Jet Came Within 15 Feet of US Air Force Plane, US Officials Say," *ABC News*, January 29, 2016. <http://abcnews.go.com/International/russian-fighter-jet-15-feet-us-air-force/story?id=36601212>

4. Air Encounter

Date: January 29, 2016

States Involved: Russia, Turkey

Geographic Region: Western Asia

Incident Details: Turkish officials claimed that Russian military aircraft had entered Turkish airspace and summoned the Russian ambassador to file an official complaint. NATO officials issued statements suggesting that future violations would be met with more aggressive responses. The Russian defense ministry denied the claim.

Context: This incident occurred approximately two months after Turkey shot down a Russian jet that had entered Turkish airspace.

Sources:

- "Turkey says Russia violated its airspace near Syria border," *BBC*, January 30, 2016. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35449152>
- "Turkey warns Russia after alleging new airspace breach," *Al Jazeera*, January 30, 2016. <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/01/turkey-summons-russia-envoy-airspace-violation-160130164834131.html>
- Steve Almasy, "Turkey says Russia violated airspace, summons ambassador," *CNN*, January 30, 2016. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/30/middleeast/russia-turkey-air-space/index.html>

5. Air Encounter

Date: February 17, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: Two Russian bombers approached United Kingdom's airspace and were intercepted by two RAF Typhoon fighter jets.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- George Bowden, "RAF Typhoons Scrambled To Intercept Russian Jets Heading Towards UK Airspace," *Huffington Post UK*, February 17, 2016. https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2016/02/17/raf-typhoons-scrambled-to-intercept-russian-jets-uk-airspace_n_9252690.html
- "RAF jets intercept two Russian bombers nearing UK airspace," *The Guardian*, February 17, 2016. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/17/raf-fighters-intercept-two-russian-bombers-uk-airspace>
- "RAF jets intercept Russian bombers heading to UK," *BBC News*, February 17, 2016. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-35598892>

6. Air Encounter

Date: February 17, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Fighters flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from February 15 to 21, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, February 22, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_02/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_february_15_to_21_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," *NATO*, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

7. Air Encounter

Date: February 19, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Fighters flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from February 15 to 21, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, February 22, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_02/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_february_15_to_21_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," *NATO*, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

8. Air Encounter

Date: February 27, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Fighters flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Il-76 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed flight plans, was in communication with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from February 22 to 28, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, February 29, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_02/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_february_22_to_28_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Belgium to send F-16 fighter jets to protect airspace over Baltics," *Ukrainian* "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," *NATO*, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

9. Sea Incident

Date: March 10, 2016

States Involved: Lithuania, Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: A Russian warship redirected the course of a Lithuanian civilian vessel while it remained in Lithuanian territorial waters due to naval drills taking place within Russia's EEZ. The Lithuanian Navy deployed a vessel to patrol its own EEZ and record additional instances of Russian interference in civilian shipping.

Context: exercises

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from March 7 to 13, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, March 14, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_03/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_march_7_to_13_2016.html?pbck=20

10. Sea Incident

Date: March 12, 2016

States Involved: Lithuania, Netherlands, Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: A Russian warship redirected the courses of Dutch and Russian ships sailing in Lithuanian territorial waters due to naval drills taking place within Russia's EEZ. The Lithuanian Navy and Lithuanian Air Force deployed one vessel and one helicopter (respectively) to patrol Lithuanian waters and record additional instances of Russian interference in civilian shipping.

Context: exercises

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from March 7 to 13, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, March 14, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_03/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_march_7_to_13_2016.html?pbck=20

11. Air encounter

Date: March 18, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia toward Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan and had disengaged its transponder, but was in contact with regional air traffic control.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from March 14 to 20, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, March 21, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_03/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_march_14_to_20_2016.html?pbck=10
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," NATO, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

7. Air Encounter

Date: March 19, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, had disengaged its transponder, and was not in contact with regional air traffic control.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from March 14 to 20, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, March 21, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-03/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_march_14_to_20_2016.html?pbck=10
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," NATO, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

13. Air Encounter

Date: March 19, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed flight plans and was in contract with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from March 14 to 20, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, March 21, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-03/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_march_14_to_20_2016.html?pbck=10
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," NATO, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

14. Sea Encounter

Date: March 23, 2016 – March 29, 2016

States Involved: France, Norway, Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: A Russian naval task group of three ships sailed through the English Channel and up the east coast of Britain. The task group was first intercepted by a French vessel as it passed

through French territorial waters, followed by a British frigate and a Norwegian vessel as the Russian group progressed north.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "British warship shadows Russian naval ships in UK waters," *Naval Today*, March 31, 2016. <https://navaltoday.com/2016/03/31/british-warship-shadows-russian-naval-ships-in-uk-waters/>

15. Air Encounter

Date: March 26, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 aircraft and one An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia toward Kaliningrad. The two aircraft were met by two Russian Su-27 fighters that launched from Kaliningrad and returned with the group to mainland Russia. The two transport aircraft had filed flight plans, engaged their transponders, and remained in contact with regional air traffic control. The two fighter jets took none of those steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from March 21 to March 27, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, March 29, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_03/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_and_vessels_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_march_21_to_27_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," *NATO*, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

16. Air Encounter

Date: March 28, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a group of Russian aircraft comprised of one Tu-154 aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-154 had filed a flight plan, was in communication with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27 aircraft took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from March 28 to April 3, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 4, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_march_28_to_april_3_2016.html?pbck=0

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- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," *NATO*, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

17. Air Encounter

Date: April 4, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 aircraft as it flew from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. It was met mid-flight and escorted by two Russia Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad. The Tu-134 flew with a filed flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27 aircraft took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 4 to April 10, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 11, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_4_to_april_10_2016.html?pbck=20
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," *NATO*, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

18. Air Encounter

Date: April 7, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and its transponder was engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 4 to April 10, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 11, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_4_to_april_10_2016.html?pbck=20

- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," *NATO*, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

19. Air Encounter

Date: April 8, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan and its transponders were disengaged, but it remained in contact with regional air traffic control.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 4 to April 10, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 11, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_4_to_april_10_2016.html?pbck=20
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," *NATO*, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

20. Air Encounter

Date: April 8, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-18 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia toward Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in communication with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 4 to April 10, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 11, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_4_to_april_10_2016.html?pbck=20
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," *NATO*, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

21. Air Encounter

Date: April 8, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russia Tu-134 aircraft as it flew from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. It was met in flight by two Russian Su-27 fighter jets, which escorted it to Kaliningrad. The Tu-134 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 4 to April 10, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 11, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_4_to_april_10_2016.html?pbck=20
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," NATO, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

22. Air/Sea Incident

Date: April 11, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United States, Poland

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Two unarmed Russian Su-27 military jets made 20 total close overflights of the USS Donald Cook in the Baltic Sea, one aircraft coming within 9 meters of the ship's superstructure. The flights were described by American officials as strafing runs without weapons fire, but were further described as unsafe and unprofessional. The US embassy in Moscow issued a formal protest over the events. A Polish helicopter and crew were present on the ship for routine training exercises.

Context: The USS Donald Cook had been shadowed by a Russian ship prior to the incident.

Sources:

- Barbara Starr, Ryan Browne, and Kevin Liptak, "U.S. issues formal protest to Russia over Baltic Sea incident," *CNN*, April 14, 2016. <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/04/13/politics/russian-fighter-jet-us-destroyer/index.html>
- Alexander Smith, "Russian Flyby of USS Donald Cook in Baltic Sea Alarms Experts," *NBC News*, April 14, 2016. <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/russian-flyby-uss-donald-cook-baltic-sea-alarms-experts-n555921>

23. Air/Sea Incident

Date: April 12, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United States, Poland

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Two unarmed Russian KA27 Helix helicopters made passes of the USS Donald Cook in the Baltic Sea while apparently taking photographs. 40 minutes later, two unarmed Russian Su-24 jets made 11 close passes to the ship. Both incidents were described as unsafe and unprofessional by American officials. The US embassy in Moscow issued a formal protest over the events.

Context: The USS Donald Cook had been shadowed by a Russian ship prior to the incident. A similar incident took place the day before.

Sources:

- "USS Donald Cook buzzed again by Russian jets in Baltic," CBS News, April 13, 2016. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/uss-donald-cook-buzzed-again-by-russian-jets-in-baltic/>
- Julian Borger, "Russian attack jets buzz US warship in riskiest encounter for years," *The Guardian*, April 13, 2016. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/apr/13/russian-attack-planes-buzz-uss-donald-cook-baltic-sea>

24. Air Encounter

Date: April 12, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a group of Russian aircraft (one Tu-134, two Su-27s) flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 had not filed a flight plan and disengaged its transponder, but remained in contact with regional air traffic control. The Su-27s did not file flight plans, were not in communication with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 11 to 17, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 18, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_11_to_17_2016.html?pbck=10

25. Air Incident

Date: April 14, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: A Russian Su-27 military jet barrel-rolled over an American RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft in an incident that was described as unsafe and unprofessional by a Pentagon spokesman, at one point coming within 15 meters. The incident occurred over the Baltic Sea in international airspace. Russian officials maintained that their pilot acted in an appropriate manner.

Context: This incident occurred shortly than after the American embassy in Moscow made a formal complaint over the buzzing of the USS Donald Cook in the Baltic Sea.

Sources:

- Sophie Tatum and Barbara Starr, "Russia denies wrongdoing after jet barrel-rolls over U.S. aircraft," *CNN*, April 17, 2016. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/04/16/politics/russian-jet-barrel-rolled-us-aircraft/index.html>
- Thomas Gibbons-Neff, "Russian jet barrel-rolls over U.S. spy plane, passing within 50 feet, Pentagon says," *Washington Post*, April 18, 2016. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2016/04/18/russian-jet-barrel-rolls-over-u-s-spy-plane-passing-within-50-feet-pentagon-says/?utm_term=.fffd7450b03b
- Clemence Michallon and Valerie Edwards, "Russian jet barrel rolls over an American plane during 'erratic and aggressive maneuvers' over the Baltic Sea," *Daily Mail*, April 16, 2016. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3543984/Russian-jet-spirals-American-plane-erratic-aggressive-maneuvers-Baltic-Sea.html>

26. Air Encounter

Date: April 15, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian aircraft (one Tu-134, one An-12) flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. Both Russian aircraft had filed flight plans, were in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 11 to 17, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 18, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_11_to_17_2016.html?pbck=10

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27. Air Encounter

Date: April 15, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian aircraft (one Tu-134, one An-12) flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. Both Russian aircraft had filed flight plans, were in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_11_to_17_2016.html?pbck=10
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28. Air Encounter

Date: April 15, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-27 fighter jets flying over the Baltic Sea. Neither aircraft had filed flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 11 to 17, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 18, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_11_to_17_2016.html?pbck=10
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29. Air Encounter

Date: April 18, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted three Russian fighter jets (either Su-24s or Su-27s) flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The three Russian aircraft did not file flight plans, were not in contact with regional traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 18 to 24, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 25, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_18_to_24_2016.html?pbck=0
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30. Air Encounter

Date: April 21, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-24s flying over the Baltic Sea. Neither aircraft had filed flight plans, were in communication with regional air traffic control, and both had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 18 to 24, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 25, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_18_to_24_2016.html?pbck=0
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31. Air Encounter

Date: April 21, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Tu-22 bombers flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. Neither Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and did not have their transponders engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 18 to 24, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 25, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_04/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_18_to_24_2016.html?pbck=0
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32. Air Encounter

Date: April 26, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Su-27 fighter jet flying over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 25 to 30, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 2, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_25_to_30_2016.html?pbck=30
- "Spain and Belgium take over NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission," NATO, January 8, 2016. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_126427.htm?selectedLocale=en

33. Air Encounter

Date: April 27, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 25 to 30, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 2, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_25_to_30_2016.html?pbck=30

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34. Air Encounter

Date: April 28, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-18 transport aircraft in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 25 to 30, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 2, 2016.
[http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the baltic states borders from april 25 to 30 2016.html?pbck=30](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_25_to_30_2016.html?pbck=30)
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35. Air Encounter

Date: April 28, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan and had disengaged its transponder, but was in contact with regional air traffic control.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 25 to 30, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 2, 2016.
[http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the baltic states borders from april 25 to 30 2016.html?pbck=30](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_25_to_30_2016.html?pbck=30)

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36. Air Encounter

Date: April 29, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but its transponder was disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of vessels and aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from April 25 to 30, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 2, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_vessels_and_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_april_25_to_30_2016.html?pbck=30
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37. Air Incident

Date: April 29, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: A Russian Su-24 military jet barrel-rolled over an American RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft in an incident that was described as unsafe and unprofessional by American military officials, at one point coming within 8 meters of the other aircraft. The incident occurred in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. Russian officials stated that their pilots behaved appropriately and that the United States was at fault.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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38. Air Encounter

Date: May 6, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft and one An-26 transport aircraft in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, but were in contact with regional air traffic control and had engaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 2 to 8, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 9, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_2_to_8_2016.html?pbck=20
- "UK jets and warship to bolster Baltic security," *Gov.uk*, April 3, 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-jets-and-warship-to-bolster-baltic-security>

39. Air Encounter

Date: May 12, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a group of six Russian aircraft (two Su-24s, four Su-27s) flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. All of the Russian aircraft had filed flight plans, but none of their aircraft were in contact with regional air traffic control and all had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 9 to 15, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 16, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_9_to_15_2016.html?pbck=10
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40. Air Encounter

Date: May 12, 2016

States Involved: United Kingdom, Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: RAF Typhoon fighters operating under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted three Russian military transport planes as they approached the airspace of Baltic states. The Russian planes' transponders were disengaged and their pilots did not respond to contact attempts.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Royal Air Force Typhoons intercept Russian aircraft near Baltics," *UK Ministry of Defence*, May 12, 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/royal-air-force-typhoons-intercept-russian-aircraft-near-baltics>
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41. Air Encounter

Date: May 15, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft was in contact with regional air traffic control, but did not file a flight plan and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 9 to 15, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 16, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_9_to_15_2016.html?pbck=10
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42. Air Encounter

Date: May 16, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft and one An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia toward Kaliningrad. Both Il-20s had filed flight plans and were in contact with regional air traffic

control, but had disengaged their transponders. The An-26 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 16 to 22, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 23, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_16_to_22_2016.html?pbck=10
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43. Air Encounter

Date: May 17, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft and one An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia toward Kaliningrad. Both Il-20s had filed flight plans and were in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged their transponders. The An-26 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 16 to 22, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 23, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_16_to_22_2016.html?pbck=10
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44. Air Encounter

Date: May 17, 2016

States Involved: Estonia, United Kingdom, Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: RAF Typhoon fighters operating under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted five Russian aircraft (four Su-27 fighters and one Il-20) that were skirting the edge of Estonian airspace. The transponders of the Russian aircraft had been disengaged, and their pilots did not respond to contact attempts.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "RAF Typhoons intercept Russian aircraft near Estonia border," *The Telegraph*, May 17, 2016. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/05/17/raf-typhoons-intercept-russian-aircraft-near-estonian-borders/>
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45. Air Encounter

Date: May 18, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-27s flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. Neither Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air control, or had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 16 to 22, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 23, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_16_to_22_2016.html?pbck=10
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46. Air Encounter

Date: May 19, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air traffic control, and did not have its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 16 to 22, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 23, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05

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47. Air Encounter

Date: May 19, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a group of Russian aircraft (one Tu-134, one Il-76, and one Il-18) flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. All three were in contact with air traffic control and had engaged their transponders, and only the Tu-134 had failed to file a flight plan.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 16 to 22, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 23, 2016. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders from may 16 to 22 2016.html?pbck=10](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_16_to_22_2016.html?pbck=10)
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48. Air Encounter

Date: May 19, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-18 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 16 to 22, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 23, 2016. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders from may 16 to 22 2016.html?pbck=10](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_16_to_22_2016.html?pbck=10)
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49. Air Encounter

Date: May 20, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 16 to 22, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 23, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_16_to_22_2016.html?pbck=10
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50. Air Encounter

Date: May 20, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 16 to 22, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 23, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_16_to_22_2016.html?pbck=10
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51. Air Encounter

Date: May 21, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 16 to 22, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 23, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_16_to_22_2016.html?pbck=10
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52. Air Encounter

Date: May 27, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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53. Air Encounter

Date: May 29, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian An-26 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The An-26s had filed flight plans and were in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged their transponders. The Su-27s had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from May 26 to 29, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 30, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_may_26_to_29_2016.html?pbck=0
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54. Sea Encounter

Date: June 5, 2016 – June 8, 2016 (approx.)

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: The British frigate HMS Kent located a Russian submarine in the North Sea and shadowed it for at least three days as it sailed down the east coast of Britain toward the Dover Straits.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Russian Navy submarine escorted off UK's coast," *Naval Today*, June 08, 2016. <https://navaltoday.com/2016/06/08/russian-navy-submarine-escorted-off-uks-coast/>

55. Air Encounter

Date: June 10, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Tu-134 passenger aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 6-12, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 13, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_06/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_6-12_2016.html?pbck=20
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56. Air Encounter

Date: June 14, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one An-26 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The An-26 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The two Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 13-19, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 20, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_06/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_13-19_2016.html?pbck=10
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57. Air Encounter

Date: June 16, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Tu-134 passenger aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 13-19, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 20, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_06/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_13-19_2016.html?pbck=10
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58. Sea Incident

Date: June 17, 2016

States Involved: United States, Russia

Geographic Region: Mediterranean Sea

Details: The USS Gravelly was approached by a Russian Neustrashimyy-class frigate in the Mediterranean Sea, which at one point came within 96 meters and conducted generally unsafe maneuvers according to American officials. On initial approach, it broadcasted a signal indicating its inability to maneuver, despite proving able to do so over the course of the engagement.

Context: The USS Gravelly was in the Mediterranean protecting the USS Harry S. Truman as it conducted operations against ISIS.

Sources:

- Barbara Starr, "U.S. officials say Russian warship came dangerously close to Navy ship," CNN, June 30, 2016. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/06/28/politics/russian-warship-us-navy/index.html>
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59. Air Encounter

Date: June 23, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Il-20 intelligence aircraft in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional traffic control, but its transponder had been disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 13," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 27, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_06/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_13.html?pbck=0

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60. Air Encounter

Date: June 23, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Tu-134 aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 13," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 27, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_06/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_13.html?pbck=0
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61. Air Encounter

Date: June 23, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 13," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 27, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_06/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_13.html?pbck=0
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62. Air Encounter

Date: June 24, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-18 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 13," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 27, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_06/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_13.html?pbck=0
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63. Air Encounter

Date: June 25, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 13," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 27, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_06/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_13.html?pbck=0
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64. Air Encounter

Date: June 27, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian

aircraft had not filed a flight plan, was not in contract with regional air control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 27 to July 3," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 5, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_27_to_july_3.html?pbck=20
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65. Air Encounter

Date: June 28, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, but was not in contract with regional air control and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 27 to July 3," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 5, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_27_to_july_3.html?pbck=20
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66. Air Encounter

Date: June 30, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-27 fighter jets in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. Neither Russian aircraft had filed flight plans, established contact with air traffic control, or engaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 27 to July 3," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 5, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_27_to_july_3.html?pbck=20
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67. Air Encounter

Date: June 30, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 cargo aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air control, and had its transponder was engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from June 27 to July 3," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 5, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_june_27_to_july_3.html?pbck=20
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68. Air Encounter

Date: July 5, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 and one Russian An-26 flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 maintained contact with regional air traffic control and had engaged its transponder. The An-26 maintained communication with air traffic control but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from July 4 to 10," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 11, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_july_4_to_10.html?pbck=20

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69. Air Encounter

Date: July 10, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian IL-22 airborne command aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft was flying under another aircraft's pre-filed flight plan, but maintained communication with regional air traffic control and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders from July 4 to 10," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 11, 2016. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_07/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders from july 4 to 10.html?pbck=10](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_from_july_4_to_10.html?pbck=10)
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70. Air Encounter

Date: July 13, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia. The Tu-134 filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The two Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 11-17, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 18, 2016. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_07/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on july 11-17 2016.html?pbck=0](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_11-17_2016.html?pbck=0)
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71. Air Encounter

Date: July 18, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 was flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad, while the two Su-27s flew from Kaliningrad to meet and escort the Tu-134. The Tu-134 filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder. The two Su-27s did not file flight plans, were not in contact with air traffic control, and disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 18-24, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 25, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_18-24_2016.html?pbck=0
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72. Air Encounter

Date: August 1, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad. The Russian aircraft was in communication with regional air traffic control, but did not file a flight plan and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 1-7, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 8, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_1-7_2016.html?pbck=20
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73. Air Encounter

Date: August 8, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The aircraft filed a flight plan and was in communication with regional air traffic control, but its transponder had been disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 8-14, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 16, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_8-14_2016.html?pbck=10
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74. Air Encounter

Date: August 12, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The aircraft filed a flight plan and was in communication with regional air traffic control, but its transponder had been disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 8-14, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 16, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_8-14_2016.html?pbck=10
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75. Air Encounter

Date: August 16, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The

Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but its transponder had been disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 15-21, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 22, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_15-21_2016.html?pbck=0
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76. Air Encounter

Date: August 25, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed flight plans and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 22-28, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 29, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_22-28_2016.html?pbck=0
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77. Air Encounter

Date: August 30, 2016

States Involved: NATO (Portugal or United Kingdom), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 29 - September 4," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 9, 2016.
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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-jets-and-warship-to-bolster-baltic-security>

78. Air Encounter

Date: August 31, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-24 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, but remained in contact with regional air traffic control and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 29 - September 4," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 9, 2016.
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79. Air Encounter

Date: September 2, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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80. Air Encounter

Date: September 2, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 29 - September 4," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 9, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_29_-_september_4.html?pbck=20
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81. Air Encounter

Date: September 4, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 29 - September 4," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 9, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_29_-_september_4.html?pbck=20

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82. Air Incident

Date: September 7, 2016

States Involved: United States, Russia

Geographic Region: Black Sea

Details: A Russian Su-27 jet intercepted a US Navy P-8A surveillance plane in international airspace over the Black Sea, at one point coming within 3 meters. The incident was described as unsafe by the Pentagon. Russian defense officials stated that the intercept was necessary due to the P-8A having disengaged its transponder.

Context: Russia had begun a 5-day period of training exercises in the region involving 12,500 personnel and its Black Sea fleet.

Sources:

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- "US says Russian jet flew 10ft from plane over Black Sea," *BBC News*, September 7, 2016. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-37303247>
- "Russia defends intercepting U.S. spy planes over Black Sea," *Reuters*, September 7, 2016. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-russia-defence-intercept/russia-defends-intercepting-u-s-spy-planes-over-black-sea-idUSKCN11D2GX>

83. Air Encounter

Date: September 9, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, but was in contact with regional air traffic control and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on 5-11 September," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 12, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_

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84. Air Encounter

Date: September 13, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 transport aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-18, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 19, 2016.
[http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on september 11-18 2016.html?pbck=10](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-18_2016.html?pbck=10)
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

85. Air Encounter

Date: September 14, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft and one Il-78 aerial refueling aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The aircraft were in contact with regional air traffic control and had engaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-18, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 19, 2016.
[http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on september 11-18 2016.html?pbck=10](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-18_2016.html?pbck=10)

- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

86. Air Encounter

Date: September 16, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-18, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 19, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-18_2016.html?pbck=10
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87. Air Encounter

Date: September 17, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-18, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 19, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-18_2016.html?pbck=10
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88. Air Encounter

Date: September 19, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-18 aircraft and one An-12 aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The aircraft had filed flight plans and were in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 19-25, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 26, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_19-25_2016.html?pbck=0
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89. Air Encounter

Date: September (Unclear), 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 19-25, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 26, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_19-25_2016.html?pbck=0
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90. Air Encounter

Date: September 22, 2016

States Involved: France, Norway, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Multiple

Details: Two Russian Tu-95 bombers were intercepted to the north of Norway and were intercepted and escorted by fighters from Norway, the United Kingdom, France, and Spain (in that order) as they approached the airspace of each country. Following the Spanish intercept, the Russian aircraft returned to Russia. On the return flight near Norwegian airspace, according to one account, the Russian aircraft came within two kilometers of a passenger aircraft, causing panic among the passengers.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Nato jets scrambled as Russian bombers fly south," *BBC News*, October 5, 2016. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-37562499>
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91. Air Encounter

Date: September 22, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft and one An-12 transport aircraft flying over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed flight plans and were in contract with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 19-25, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 26, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_19-25_2016.html?pbck=0
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92. Air Encounter

Date: September (Unclear), 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft

had filed a flight plan, was in communication with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 19-25, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 26, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_19-25_2016.html?pbck=0
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93. Air Encounter

Date: September 23, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-18 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 19-25, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 26, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016-09/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_19-25_2016.html?pbck=0
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94. Air Encounter

Date: September 26, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 26 – October 2, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 3, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_26_october_2_2016.html?pbck=20
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95. Air Encounter

Date: September 26, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 26 – October 2, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 3, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_26_october_2_2016.html?pbck=20
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96. Air Encounter

Date: September 28, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 26 – October 2, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 3, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_26_october_2_2016.html?pbck=20
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

97. Air Encounter

Date: September 29, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and remained in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 26 – October 2, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 3, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_26_october_2_2016.html?pbck=20
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98. Air Encounter

Date: October 6, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted eight different Russian Su-27 fighters flying from mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea, and then returning. None of the aircraft had filed flight plans, none were in contact with regional air traffic control, and all had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_26_october_2_2016.html?pbck=20

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99. Air Encounter

Date: October 6, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The aircraft had filed a flight plan and maintained contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
[http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on october 3 october 9 2016.html?pbck=20](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20)
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100. Air Encounter

Date: October 6, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Su-27 fighter flying from Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, did not maintain contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
[http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on october 3 october 9 2016.html?pbck=20](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20)

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101. Air Encounter

Date: October 6, 2016

States Involved: Russia, Estonia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Incident Details: Estonia claimed that a Russian fighter jet had entered its airspace for approximately one minute with its transponder disabled. Russia denied the claims and stated that their jets simply carried out routine surveillance over international waters.

Context: The incident coincided with a visit of the Ukrainian defense minister to Estonia.

Sources:

- "Tuomas Forsell and Jussi Rosendahl, "'Estonia, Finland say Russia entered airspace before U.S. defense pact,'" Reuters, October 7, 2016. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-finland-russia-idUSKCN1270ID>
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- "'Finland jets monitor Russian fighters on border flights,'" BBC News, October 7, 2016. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-37584058>

102. Air Encounter

Date: October 7, 2016

States Involved: Russia, Finland

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Incident Details: Finnish officials claimed that two Russian Su-27 fighter jets had entered their airspace near the Gulf of Finland with disengaged transponders over the course of the day. Finnish jets were dispatched to investigate after each incident. Russian officials denied the claims and stated that their jets simply carried out routine surveillance over international waters

Context: The incident occurred several hours before US officials were to meet with Finnish officials to sign a defense cooperation deal and to affirm closer ties to NATO.

Sources:

- Tuomas Forsell and Jussi Rosendahl, "Estonia, Finland say Russia entered airspace before U.S. defense pact," Reuters, October 7, 2016. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-finland-russia-idUSKCN1270ID>
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103. Air Encounter

Date: October 7, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft maintained contact with air traffic control, but had not filed a flight plan and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20
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104. Air Encounter

Date: October 7, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted three separate Su-27 fighter jets that took off from Kaliningrad, flew over the Baltic Sea, and then returned. The Russian aircraft did not file flight plans, did not maintain contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20
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105. Air Encounter

Date: October 7, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Su-24 flying from Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft did not file a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20
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106. Air Encounter

Date: October 7, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20
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107. Air Encounter

Date: October 7, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20
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108. Air Encounter

Date: October 7, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

109. Air Encounter

Date: October (Unclear), 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20

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110. Air Encounter

Date: October (Unclear), 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 3 – October 9, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 10, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_3_october_9_2016.html?pbck=20
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

111. Air Encounter

Date: October 12, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: An unclear number of Russian bombers flying in the vicinity of British airspace were intercepted by RAF Typhoon fighter jets.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Jenny Awford, "RAF Typhoon fighter jets scramble to intercept Russian bombers heading for UK airspace TWICE in one week," *Daily Mail*, October 25, 2016. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3870918/RAF-Typhoon-fighter-jets-scramble-intercept-Russian-bombers.html>
- Ellie Flynn, "RED ALERT RAF: Typhoon jets were scrambled to intercept Russian bombers approaching UK airspace TWICE as Putin readied fleet to sail towards the English Channel," *The Sun*, October 25, 2016. <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2047942/typhoon-jets-were-scrambled-to->

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112. Air Encounter

Date: October 16, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: An unclear number of Russian military aircraft flying in the vicinity of British airspace were intercepted by RAF Typhoon fighter jets.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Jenny Awford, "RAF Typhoon fighter jets scramble to intercept Russian bombers heading for UK airspace TWICE in one week," *Daily Mail*, October 25, 2016. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3870918/RAF-Typhoon-fighter-jets-scramble-intercept-Russian-bombers.html>
- Ellie Flynn, "RED ALERT RAF: Typhoon jets were scrambled to intercept Russian bombers approaching UK airspace TWICE as Putin readied fleet to sail towards the English Channel," *The Sun*, October 25, 2016. <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2047942/typhoon-jets-were-scrambled-to-intercept-russian-bombers-approaching-uk-airspace-twice-as-putin-readied-fleet-to-sail-towards-the-english-channel/>

113. Air Encounter

Date: October 17, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 17 – October 23, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 24, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_17_october_23_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

114. Sea Encounter

Date: October 20, 2016 (approx.)

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: A Russian naval group (at least seven vessels, including the nation's sole aircraft carrier) was shadowed as it approached British territorial waters. Two British vessels escorted the Russian ships south through the North Sea and the English Channel.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Russian warships pass through English Channel," *BBC News*, October 21, 2016.
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37725327>
- George Sandeman, "Royal Navy sends ships to shadow Russian fleet passing Britain" *The Guardian*, October 19, 2016.
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/19/convoy-of-russian-warships-on-route-past-british-isles>

115. Sea Encounter

Date: October 20, 2016 (approx.)

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: Two Russian warships were intercepted and escorted by the HMS Dragon north through the English Channel.

Context: two Russian corvettes separate from the aircraft carrier group

Sources:

- George Sandeman, "Royal Navy sends ships to shadow Russian fleet passing Britain" *The Guardian*, October 19, 2016.
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/19/convoy-of-russian-warships-on-route-past-british-isles>

116. Air Encounter

Date: October 24, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The aircraft filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponders engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 24 – October 30, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 2, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_6_-

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117. Air Encounter

Date: November 8, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 7 – 13, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 14, 2016.
[http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_11/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on november 7 13 2016.html?pbck=20](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_7_13_2016.html?pbck=20)
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

118. Air Encounter

Date: November 8, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 7 – 13, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 14, 2016.
[http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_11/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on november 7 13 2016.html?pbck=20](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_7_13_2016.html?pbck=20)

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119. Air Encounter

Date: November 14, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 14 – 20, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 21, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_14_20_2016.html?pbck=10
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120. Air Encounter

Date: November 17, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 14 – 20, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 21, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_14_20_2016.html?pbck=10
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121. Air Encounter

Date: November 21, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 21 – 27, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 28, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_21_27_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

122. Air Encounter

Date: November 22, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 21 – 27, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 28, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_21_27_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

123. Air Encounter

Date: November 22, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 21 – 27, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 28, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_21_27_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

124. Air Encounter

Date: November 23, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 21 – 27, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 28, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_21_27_2016.html?pbck=0
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

125. Air Encounter

Date: December 1, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft and one Su-34 fighter aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The An-26 had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but its transponder was disengaged. The Su-34 did not file a flight plan, was not in contact with traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 28 – December 4, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 5, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_28_december_4_2016.html?pbck=10
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

126. Sea Encounter

Date: December 5, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: One Russian destroyer (the Vice Admiral Kulakov) sailed from the Mediterranean Sea toward Russia. It passed through NATO territorial waters and the English Channel during this voyage, where it was intercepted and monitored by the HMS Sutherland.

Context: N/A

Sources: "HMS Sutherland monitors Russian warship Vice Admiral Kulakov," *Royal Navy*, December 5, 2016. <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2016/december/05/161205-sutherland>

127. Air Encounter

Date: December 6, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft filed a flight plan and maintained contact with regional air control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 5-11, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 12, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_6

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128. Air Encounter

Date: December 6, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 maritime patrol aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft filed a flight plan and maintained contact with regional air control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 5-11, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 12, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_5-11_2016.html?pbck=10
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

129. Air Encounter

Date: December 7, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Su-34 fighter flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft filed a flight plan, but did not maintain contact with air traffic control and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 5-11, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 12, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_5-11_2016.html?pbck=10
- "Baltic Air Policing hand over in Lithuania and Estonia," *NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*, September 3, 2016. <https://shape.nato.int/2016/lead-in-baltic-air-policing-hand-over-in-lithuania-and-estonia>

130. Air Encounter

Date: December 7, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 5-11, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 12, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_5-11_2016.html?pbck=10
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131. Air Encounter

Date: December 10, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. One aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The other had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 5-11, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 12, 2016. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_5-11_2016.html?pbck=10
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132. Air Encounter

Date: December 13, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Su-30SM fighter jet and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. All three aircraft had filed flight plans, but were not in contact with air traffic control and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 12-18, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 19, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_12-18_2016.html?pbck=0
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133. Air Encounter

Date: December 15, 2016

States Involved: NATO (France or Germany), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Su-24 ground-attack aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft did not file a flight plan, was not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 12-18, 2016," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 19, 2016.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_12-18_2016.html?pbck=0
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1. Sea Encounter

Date: January 25, 2016

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: A Russian naval group (including the nation's sole aircraft carrier) was met as it approached British territorial waters while returning from the Mediterranean Sea. The British vessel HMS St. Albans intercepted and escorted the Russian ships north through the English Channel.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "UK warship escorts Russian carrier in English Channel," *BBC News*, January 25, 2017. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-38745364>
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2. Air Encounter

Date: January 25, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, maintained contact with air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on January 23-29, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 30, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_01/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_january_23-29_2017.html?pbck=0
- "NATO's Baltic Air Policing Mission contingents will change over in Šiauliai Air Base," *Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense*, January 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current_issues/natos_baltic_air_policing_mission_contingents_will_change_over_in_siauliai_air_base.html

3. Air Encounter

Date: January 25, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Su-24 ground-attack aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, but did not remain in contact with regional air traffic control and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on January 23-29, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 30, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_01/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_january_23-29_2017.html?pbck=0
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4. Air Encounter

Date: January 25, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and maintained contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on January 23-29, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 30, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_01/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_january_23-29_2017.html?pbck=0
- "NATO's Baltic Air Policing Mission contingents will change over in Šiauliai Air Base," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current_issues/natos_baltic_air_policing_mission_contingents_will_change_over_in_siauliai_air_base.html

5. Air Encounter

Date: January 29, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 transport aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and its transponder was engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on January 23-29, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 30, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_01/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_january_23-29_2017.html?pbck=0
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6. Air Encounter

Date: February 9, 2017

States Involved: France, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: Two Russian Tu-160 bombers were detected flying close to the Shetland Islands near Ireland. RAF fighter jets were scrambled to intercept and monitor the Russian aircraft. French and Spanish fighter jets continued monitoring the Russian aircraft later in the course of their flight.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "UK, France scramble jets to monitor Russian bombers near their airspace," *Reuters*, February 9, 2017. <http://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-defence-russia-idUKKBN15O28C>
- Roland Oliphant, "RAF Typhoons scrambled to intercept Russian bombers near Shetland," *The Telegraph*, February 9, 2017. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/09/raf-typhoons-scrambled-intercept-russian-bombers-near-shetland/>
- Lizzie Dearden, "RAF Typhoon jets scrambled to intercept Russian bombers circling UK," *The Independent*, February 9, 2017. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/raf-typhoon-jets-scrambled-russian-blackjack-bombers-intercept-north-scotland-lossimouth-coningsby-a7571691.html>

7. Air/Sea Incident

Date: February 10, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Black Sea

Details: The USS Porter was buzzed by four Russian aircraft while operating in international waters in the Black Sea in an incident described as "unsafe and unprofessional" by American officials. Two Su-24 fighter jets passed over the ship, followed at different points in the day by one Il-38, then another Su-24 jet, the closest coming within 200 yards of the ship.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Sam LaGrone, "USS Porter Buzzed by Russian Planes in Black Sea," *USNI News*, February 14, 2017. <https://news.usni.org/2017/02/14/uss-porter-buzzed-russian-planes-black-sea>
- Thomas Gibbons-Neff, "In first under Trump, Russian jets buzzed a U.S. destroyer at close range," *The Washington Post*, February 14, 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2017/02/14/in-first-under-trump-russian-jets-buzzed-a-u-s-destroyer-at-close-range/?utm_term=.c96a4c2d4b37

8. Air Encounters & Incident

Date: February 10, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States, unspecified NATO state

Geographic Region: Multiple (likely Black Sea and Baltic Sea)

Details: An unclear number of aerial encounters (likely at least four) occurred in which Russian planes intercepted American and NATO-flagged aircraft. These included both routine intercepts as well as those determined to be unsafe and unprofessional after the fact where the US officials "were concerned by the Russian aircraft's rate of closure and proximity off the wing of NATO aircraft".

Context: Occurred separately from the incidents involving the USS Porter on the same day.

Sources:

- Oriana Pawlyk, "Russian Jets Buzz US Destroyer, Intercept NATO Planes," *Military.com*, March 3, 2017. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2017/03/03/russian-jets-buzz-us-destroyer-intercept-nato-planes.html>
- Stephen Losey, "Air Force details multiple 'unsafe and unprofessional' Russian aircraft intercepts," *Defense News*, March 6, 2017. <https://www.defensenews.com/digital-show-dailies/air-warfare-symposium/2017/03/06/air-force-details-multiple-unsafe-and-unprofessional-russian-aircraft-intercepts/>

9. Air Encounter

Date: February 14, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-22 bomber and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Il-22 had not filed a flight plan, but it was in contact with regional air control and had its transponder engaged. The two Su-27s had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with air control, and had their transponders disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "NATO's Baltic Air Policing Mission contingents will change over in Šiauliai Air Base," *Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense*, January 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current_issues/natos_baltic_air_policing_mission_contingents_will_change_over_in_siauliai_air_base.html
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10. Air Encounter

Date: February 16, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-22 airborne command aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Il-22 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27s took none of those steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on February 13-19, 2017," *Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense*, February 20, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_02/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_february_13-19_2017.html?pbck=0
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11. Air Encounter

Date: March 18, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-22 airborne command aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Il-22 had not filed a flight plan, but it was in contact with regional air control and had its transponder engaged. The two Su-27s had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with air control, and had their transponders disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on March 13-19, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, March 20, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_03/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_march_13-19_2017.html?pbck=10
- "NATO's Baltic Air Policing Mission contingents will change over in Šiauliai Air Base," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current_issues/natos_baltic_air_policing_mission_contingents_will_change_over_in_siauliai_air_base.html

12. Air Encounter

Date: March 24, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had not filed a flight plan and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on March 20-26, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, March 27, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_03/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_march_20-26_2017.html?pbck=0
- "NATO's Baltic Air Policing Mission contingents will change over in Šiauliai Air Base," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current_issues/natos_baltic_air_policing_mission_contingents_will_change_over_in_siauliai_air_base.html

13. Air Incident

Date: March 24, 2017

States Involved: Norway, Russia

Geographic Region: Arctic Ocean

Details: Nine Russian bombers participated in what was described as simulated attacks against Norwegian radar arrays in Vardø that are used by NATO. They were described as "conducting offensive profiles" prior to turning away from Norwegian airspace.

Context: Russian officials have accused the arrays in general (and the Globus II in particular) of being components in a western anti-ballistic missile defense system. A Globus III array is currently under construction.

Sources:

- Johsepht Trevithick, "Norway Says Russian Aircraft Ran Mock Attacks On A Secretive Radar Base," *The Warzone*, March 7, 2018. <http://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/19047/norway-says-russian-aircraft-ran-mock-attacks-on-a-secretive-radar-base>
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14. Air Encounter

Date: March 25, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-18 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and its transponder was engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on March 20-26, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, March 27, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_03/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_march_20-26_2017.html?pbck=0
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15. Air Encounter

Date: March 29, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft and four Su-24 ground-attack aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The An-26 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had its transponder was engaged. The four Su-24s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on March 27 – April 2, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 3, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_04/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_march_27_april_2_2017.html?pbck=30
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16. Air Encounter

Date: March 30, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on March 27 – April 2, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 3, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_04/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_march_27_april_2_2017.html?pbck=30
- "NATO's Baltic Air Policing Mission contingents will change over in Šiauliai Air Base," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current_issues/natos_baltic_air_policing_mission_contingents_will_change_over_in_siauliai_air_base.html

17. Sea Encounter

Date: April 15, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: A British frigate intercepted a group of four Russian vessels (two corvettes and two support ships) in the North Sea and escorted them through the English Channel.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Christopher Hope, "Russian warships escorted through the English Channel tonight for the third time in six months," *The Telegraph*, April 15, 2017. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/15/russian-warships-escorted-english-channel-tonight-third-time/>
- Will Worley, "Russian warships escorted by Royal Navy through the English Channel," *The Independent*, April 16, 2017. <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/russian-warships-escorted-royal-navy-english-channel-hms-sutherland-soobrazitelny-boiky-a7685751.html>

18. Air Encounter

Date: April 17, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Northern America

Details: Two Russian Tu-95 strategic bombers entered the US ADIZ south of Kodiak Island. They were intercepted by two American F-22 fighter jets and an E-3 AWAC.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Luis Martinez, "Russian aircraft fly close to Alaska for 4th time in 4 days," ABC News, April 21, 2017. <http://abcnews.go.com/International/russian-aircraft-close-alaska-4th-time-days/story?id=4693931>
- "Russian Bombers Flew Near Alaska, Canada, Prompting NORAD Response," RFE/RL, April 25, 2017. <https://www.rferl.org/a/russian-bombers-flew-near-alaska-canada-prompting-norad-response-pentagon/28450133.html>
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19. Air Encounter

Date: April 18, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on April 17-23, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 24, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_201

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20. Air Encounter

Date: April 18, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Northern America

Details: Two Russian Tu-95 strategic bombers flew up the Aleutian Island chain, coming within 55 kilometers of the Alaskan shoreline. They were tracked by an American E-3 AWAC.

Context: An Il-38 briefly entered the ADIZ at a different point in the day.

Sources:

- Luis Martinez, "Russian aircraft fly close to Alaska for 4th time in 4 days," *ABC News*, April 21, 2017. <http://abcnews.go.com/International/russian-aircraft-close-alaska-4th-time-days/story?id=4693931>
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- "Russian Bombers Flew Near Alaska, Canada, Prompting NORAD Response," *RFE/RL*, April 25, 2017. <https://www.rferl.org/a/russian-bombers-flew-near-alaska-canada-prompting-norad-response-pentagon/28450133.html>

21. Air Encounter

Date: April 20, 2017

States Involved: Canada, Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Northern America

Details: Two Russian Tu-95 strategic bombers approached American and Canadian airspace near Alaska and were intercepted by Canadian fighter jets. The Russian aircraft did not enter restricted airspace, and the encounter was described as safe and professional by a representative of North American Aerospace Defense Command.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Luis Martinez, "Russian aircraft fly close to Alaska for 4th time in 4 days," *ABC News*, April 21, 2017. <http://abcnews.go.com/International/russian-aircraft-close-alaska-4th-time-days/story?id=46939351>
- "Russian Bombers Flew Near Alaska, Canada, Prompting NORAD Response," *RFE/RL*, April 25, 2017. <https://www.rferl.org/a/russian-bombers-flew-near-alaska-canada-prompting-norad-response-pentagon/28450133.html>
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22. Air Encounter

Date: April 20, 2017

States Involved NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted four Russian Su-24 ground-attack aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed flight plans and were in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on April 17-23, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, April 24, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_04/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_april_17-23_2017.html?pbck=0
- "NATO's Baltic Air Policing Mission contingents will change over in Šiauliai Air Base," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current_issues/natos_baltic_air_policing_mission_contingents_will_change_over_in_siauliai_air_base.html

23. Air Encounter

Date: April 28, 2017

States Involved: Estonia, NATO (Germany or Netherlands), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft and two Su-27s flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft skirted Estonian airspace in the process. The Tu-134 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27s did not take any of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on April 24-30, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 2, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_april_24-30_2017.html?pbck=20
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24. Air Encounter

Date: May 3, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Northern America

Details: Two Tu-95 bombers and two Su-35 fighter jets entered the North American ADIZ and were intercepted by F-22 fighter jets approximately 80 kilometers off the coast of Alaska. The encounter was described as safe and professional by American officials.

Context: Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin had spoken by phone one day prior to the encounter.

Sources:

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- Barbara Starr, Ryan Browne, and Zachary Cohen, "US F-22s intercept Russian bombers, fighters near Alaska," *CNN*, May 4, 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/04/politics/us-f-22-intercept-russian-aircraft-alaska/index.html>

25. Sea Encounter

Date: May 5, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: A Russian submarine was intercepted by a British frigate off the east coast of Britain and escorted through the English Channel over the course of several days.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Royal Navy escorts Russian submarine through English Channel," *Royal Navy*, May 8, 2017. <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2017/may/08/170508-royal-navy-escorts-russian-submarine-through-english-channel>

26. Air Encounter

Date: May 9, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Black Sea

Details: A Russian fighter jet intercepted an American P-8A surveillance plane in international airspace over the Black Sea (approximately 100 kilometers from the Russian border,) at one point coming within 6 meters of the other aircraft. The Russian plane was armed with antiaircraft missiles, and the American plane changed course away from the Russian border soon after. The intercept was described as safe and professional by American officials.

Context: Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov visited the United States soon after this event.

Sources:

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27. Air Encounter

Date: May 12, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Black Sea

Details: A Russian fighter jet intercepted an American P-8A surveillance plane in international airspace over the Black Sea (approximately 100 kilometers from the Russian border,) at one point coming within 12 meters of the other aircraft. The encounter was described as safe and professional by American officials.

Context: American Defense Secretary Jim Mattis had visited Lithuania one day prior to the event. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov had visited the United States prior to this event.

Sources:

- Lucas Tomilson, "Russian jet 'buzzes' another US plane in Black Sea, second incident this week," *Fox News*, May 13, 2017, <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/05/13/russian-jet-buzzes-another-us-plane-in-black-sea-second-incident-this-week.html>
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28. Air Encounter

Date: May 22, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan (did not correspond to actual flight) and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder. An identical encounter occurred later in the day.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on May 22-28, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 29, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_201

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- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," *NATO*, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

29. Air Encounter

Date: May 22, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan (did not correspond to actual flight) and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on May 22-28, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 29, 2017. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_05/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on may 22-28 2017.html?pbck=0](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_may_22-28_2017.html?pbck=0)
- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," *NATO*, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

30. Air Encounter

Date: May 23, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan (did not correspond to actual flight) and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on May 22-28, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 29, 2017. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_05/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on may 22-28 2017.html?pbck=0](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_may_22-28_2017.html?pbck=0)
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31. Air Encounter

Date: May 25, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft did not file a flight plan, was not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on May 22-28, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 29, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_may_22-28_2017.html?pbck=0
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32. Sea Incident

Date: May 25, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: At least one ship identifying itself as Russian warship harassed the M/V Green Ridge (a vehicle carrying freighter) on route to Lithuania while it was operating under a United States contract to transport military equipment for training exercises. It received incorrect messages from the ship asserting that it was within Russia waters, and was subsequently told that it lost a cargo container, was accused of carrying WMDs, and was told that the ship was visibly damaged. An internal report described the incident as "intense and threatening." An unmarked helicopter was also spotted by the crew.

Context: The related training exercise was Saber Strike 2017, which involved in included over 11,000 NATO and US troops and took place across the Baltic region and Poland.

Sources:

- David B. Latner, "Russian military 'harassed' US-flagged merchant ship in the Baltic ahead of exercises," *Defense News*, June 27, 2017. <https://www.defensenews.com/naval/2017/06/27/russian-military-harassed-us-flagged-merchant-ship-in-the-baltic-ahead-of-exercises/>
- "Bullying In the Baltic Sea," *Atlantic Council Digital Forensic Research Lab*, July 20, 2017. <https://medium.com/dfirlab/bullying-in-the-baltic-sea-2842b9e39339>

33. Air Encounter

Date: May 26, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The two Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on May 22-28, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 29, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_may_22-28_2017.html?pbck=0
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34. Air Encounter

Date: May 27, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: Two Russian aircraft approached United Kingdom airspace and were intercepted by RAF Typhoon fighter jets.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Ross Logan, "RAF fighter jets scrambled to Scotland as Russian aircraft approach UK airspace," *The Express*, May 27, 2017. <https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/809979/RAF-fighter-jets-scrambled-Scotland>
- "RAF Lossiemouth Typhoons scrambled over Russian aircraft," *BBC News*, May 27, 2017. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-40070746>
- Helen Whitehouse, "RAF fighter jets scrambled after two Russian planes enter UK airspace," *The Mirror*, May 27, 2017. <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/raf-fighter-jets-scrambled-after-10511633>

35. Air Encounter

Date: May 27, 2017

States Involved: Norway, Russia

Geographic Region: Arctic Ocean

Details: Two Russian aircraft (a Su-34 and an Il-76) approached Norwegian airspace from the north and were intercepted by Norwegian F-16 fighter jets.

Context: Occurred during the 2017 Arctic Challenge Exercise.

Sources:

- Thomas Nilsen, "Fighter jets scrambled over Russian aircraft in weekend-break of Arctic Challenge Exercise," *The Barents Observer*, May 29, 2017.

<https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2017/05/fighter-jets-scrambled-weekend-break-arctic-challenge-exercise>

36. Air Encounter

Date: May 28, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-72 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The An-72 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on May 22-28, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, May 29, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_05/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_may_22-28_2017.html?pbck=0
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37. Sea Encounter

Date: May 28, 2017 – May 29, 2017

States Involved: Netherlands, Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: One Russian intelligence vessel and two supporting ships were intercepted and escorted through the English Channel and the North Sea by a British patrol ship. The intercept was handed off to a Dutch vessel as the Russian group left the English zone of interest and entered the Netherlands' EEZ.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Russian Navy task group escorted through English Channel," *Naval Today*, May 31, 2017. <https://navaltoday.com/2017/05/31/russian-navy-task-group-escorted-through-english-channel/>
- George Allison, "HMS Mersey escorts Russian ships through English Channel," *UK Defence Journal*, May 31, 2017. <https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/hms-mersey-escorts-russian-ships-english-channel/>

37. Air Encounter

Date: May 30, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The

Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on May 29-June 4, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 5, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_05_3098/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_may_29-june_4_2017.html?pbck=20
- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," NATO, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

38. Air Encounter

Date: June 3, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft and one Su-27 fighter jet flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The An-26 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The Su-27 took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on May 29-June 4, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 5, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_05_3098/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_may_29-june_4_2017.html?pbck=20
- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," NATO, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

39. Air Encounter

Date: June 6, 2017

States Involved: Norway, Russia

Geographic Region: Arctic Ocean

Details: A Norwegian P-3 anti-submarine aircraft was intercepted in international airspace over the Arctic Ocean by a Russian MiG-31 fighter jet. The Norwegian aircraft had disengaged its transponder prior to the intercept, and Norwegian officials described the encounter as normal.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Ross Logan, "Russian military scrambled to Norwegian plane hours after intercepting US bomber," *The Express*, June 6, 2017.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/813845/Russia-United-States-Norway-intercept-jet-Arctic-Ocean>

- "Russia sends jet fighter to intercept Norwegian plane over Barents Sea -agencies," *Reuters*, June 6, 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/russia-norway-bomber/russia-sends-jet-fighter-to-intercept-norwegian-plane-over-barents-sea-agencies-idUSR4N1IZ041>
- Zachary Cohen and Barbara Starr, "Russian jet intercepts US B-52 bomber," *CNN*, November 29, 2017. <https://www.cnn.com/2017/06/06/politics/russian-jets-intercept-us-bomber/index.html>

40. Air Encounter

Date: June 6, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: A Russian Su-27 jet intercepted a B-52 bomber in international airspace over the Baltic Sea during a training exercise and escorted away from the periphery of Russian airspace. A spokesman for US Forces Europe described the flight as routine and noted that transponders had been engaged on throughout the flight.

Context: The drills being conducted were scheduled to take place in multiple places along Russia's borders, in the Baltic Sea, and in the Antarctic. On June 1, USAF officials stated that B-52s would be deployed to the region to support further training exercises.

Sources:

- Zachary Cohen and Barbara Starr, "Russian jet intercepts US B-52 bomber," *CNN*, June 6, 2017, <http://www.cnn.com/2017/06/06/politics/russian-jets-intercept-us-bomber/index.html>
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41. Air Encounter

Date: June 9, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: A Russian Su-27 jet intercepted a formation of American aircraft flying over the Baltic Sea during a training exercise, including two B1-B bombers, one B-52H bomber, and one KC-135R aerial refueling aircraft. A Pentagon spokesman described the intercept as "safe and professional."

Context: encounter took place during the NATO BALTOPS drills.

Sources:

- Mary Walsh, "Russian plane intercepts U.S. refueling aircraft," *CBS News*, June 9, 2017. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/russian-plane-intercepts-u-s-refueling-aircraft/>
- "Pentagon Reveals Photos of Russian Su-27 Intercepting US Military Aircraft," *Sputnik International*, <https://sputniknews.com/military/201706101054510991-su27-baltops-pentagon-intercept-photo/>
- Tom Demerly, "Check Out This Really Unusual "Formation": USAF B-1Bs, B-52H, KC-135R Escorted by Russian SU-27 Over Baltic," *The Aviationist*, June 12, 2017. <https://theaviationist.com/2017/06/12/check-out-this-really-unusual-formation-usaf-b-1bs-b-52h-kc-135r-escorted-by-russian-su-27-over-baltic/>

42. Air Encounter

Date: June 14, 2017

States Involved: Finland, NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia, Sweden

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighter jets intercepted two groups of Russian aircraft over the Baltic Sea in transit from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad. The groups of aircraft included various models of fighter jets and support aircraft. None of the Russian aircraft had engaged transponders, none had filed flight plans, and none were in contact with regional air control. Finnish aircraft were involved in the intercepts to varying degrees.

Context: Possibly related to NATO Saber Strike exercises taking place at the time, or Russian Zapad-2017 exercises scheduled after later in the year.

Sources:

- Damien Sharkov, "NATO Intercepts 32 Russian Warplanes Above Baltic in Just Seven Days," *Newsweek*, June 20, 2017. <http://www.newsweek.com/nato-intercepts-32-russian-warplanes-above-baltic-week-627544>
- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on June 12-18, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 19, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_05_3098/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_june_12-18_2017.html?pbck=10
- Baltic News Service, "NATO jets escort 32 Russian aircraft over Baltic Sea last week," *ERR*, June 19, 2017. <https://news.err.ee/603060/nato-jets-escort-32-russian-aircraft-over-baltic-sea-last-week>
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43. Air Encounter

Date: June 14, 2017 – June 15, 2017

States Involved: Denmark, Finland, Russia, Sweden

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Finnish F/A-18 fighter jets were scrambled to identify and monitor a group of Russian aircraft (including at least one "Ilyushin Il-22, Sukhoi Su-24, Sukhoi Su-27, Sukhoi Su-34 and Tupolev Tu-160 aircraft" each) over the Gulf of Finland in the vicinity of Finnish airspace. A portion of the Russian group was later intercepted by Swedish and Danish aircraft as they flew westward.

Context: Possibly related to NATO Saber Strike exercises taking place at the time, or Russian Zapad-2017 exercises scheduled after later in the year.

Sources:

- "Increased activity of military aircraft over the Baltic Sea and Gulf of Finland," Finnish Air Force, June 15, 2017. https://ilmavoimat.fi/en/article/-/asset_publisher/vilkasta-sotilasilma-alusten-lentotoimintaa-itamerella-ja-suomenlahdella

44. Air Encounter

Date: June 15, 2017

States Involved: Finland, NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia, Sweden

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighter jets intercepted a total of 12 Russian aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea over four separate events. The intercepted aircraft consisted of various models of fighter jets, bombers, and support aircraft. None of the aircraft had engaged transponders, and only four had filed flight plans. Finnish aircraft were involved in the intercepts to varying degrees.

Context: Possibly related to NATO Saber Strike exercises taking place at the time, or Russian Zapad-2017 exercises scheduled after later in the year.

Sources:

- Damien Sharkov, "NATO Intercepts 32 Russian Warplanes Above Baltic in Just Seven Days," *Newsweek*, June 20, 2017. <http://www.newsweek.com/nato-intercepts-32-russian-warplanes-above-baltic-week-627544>
- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on June 12-18, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 19, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_05_3098/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_june_12-18_2017.html?pbck=10
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- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," *NATO*, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

45. Air Encounter

Date: June 16, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighter jets intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. It had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air control, and did not have its transponder engaged.

Context: Possibly related to NATO Saber Strike exercises taking place at the time

Sources:

- Damien Sharkov, "NATO Intercepts 32 Russian Warplanes Above Baltic in Just Seven Days," *Newsweek*, June 20, 2017. <http://www.newsweek.com/nato-intercepts-32-russian-warplanes-above-baltic-week-627544>
- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on June 12-18, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 19, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_05_3098/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_june_12-18_2017.html?pbck=10
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- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," *NATO*, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

46. Air Encounter

Date: June 17, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighter jets intercepted one Russian A-50 early warning and control aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. It had filed a flight plan, but its transponder was disengaged.

Context: Possibly related to NATO Saber Strike exercises

Sources:

- Damien Sharkov, "NATO Intercepts 32 Russian Warplanes Above Baltic in Just Seven Days," *Newsweek*, June 20, 2017. <http://www.newsweek.com/nato-intercepts-32-russian-warplanes-above-baltic-week-627544>
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47. Air Encounter

Date: June 17, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighter jets intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. It had filed a flight plan, but its transponder was disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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48. Air Encounter

Date: June 18, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighter jets intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. It had filed a flight plan, but its transponder was disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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49. Air Encounter

Date: June 18, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO aircraft intercepted one Russian Il-76 flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. It had filed a flight plan and flew with its transponder activated.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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50. Air Incident

Date: June 19, 2017

States Involved: Russia, Sweden

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Russian Su-27 fighter jets intercepted a Swedish S102B intelligence aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft flew within 2 meters of the Swedish aircraft, which had its transponders engaged during the flight. The Russian ambassador was summoned to the Swedish defense ministry to explain the incident.

Sources:

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51. Air Incident

Date: June 19, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: A Russian Su-27 fighter jet intercepted an American RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft in international airspace over the Baltic Sea, at one point flying within 1.5 meters of the other aircraft. The Russian jet was noted as being armed and accused of flying erratically by American officials. Russian officials accused the RC-135 pilot of behaving irresponsibly during the incident.

Context: One day prior, Russia declared that American planes flying in certain parts of Syria would be considered acceptable targets following the downing of a Syrian jet by the USAF. This incident also coincided with NATO drills being held in Poland and Lithuania.

Sources:

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52. Air Incident

Date: June 21, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: A Russian transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flew over the Baltic Sea toward Kaliningrad and did not identify themselves or respond to air traffic control. An F-16 flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted the group in international airspace and flew close to the transport aircraft, prompting one of the Su-27s to flash its weaponry. It was later revealed that one of the transport plane's passengers was Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Andrew Osborne and Robin Emmott, "Russian defense minister's plane buzzed by NATO jet over Baltic," *Reuters*, June 21, 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-nato-intercept/russian-defense-ministers-plane-buzzed-by-nato-jet-over-baltic-idUSKBN19C12Y?il=0>
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53. Air Encounter

Date: June 21, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a group of 16 Russian military aircraft (a variety of fighter jets and two transport planes) flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The two transport aircraft had filed flight plans, were in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged their transponders. The 14 fighter jets took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on June 19-25, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, June 26, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_05_3098/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_june_19-25_2017.html?pbck=0
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54. Air Encounter

Date: June 29, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted three Russian Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on June 26 – July 2, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 3, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_june_26_july_2_2017.html?pbck=20
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55. Air Encounter

Date: July 4, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had not filed a flight plan and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 3-9, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 11, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_3-9_2017.html?pbck=10
- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," *NATO*, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

56. Air Encounter

Date: July 7, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 3-9, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 11, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_3-9_2017.html?pbck=10
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57. Air Encounter

Date: July 11, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 aircraft and one Su-27 fighter jet flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The Su-27 took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 10-16, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 17, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_10-16_2017.html?pbck=0

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58. Air Encounter

Date: July 21, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft and one An-140 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The An-26 had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder. The An-140 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 17-23, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 24, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_17-23_2017.html?pbck=0
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59. Air Encounter

Date: July 25, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: British fighters flying under the NATO enhanced air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Tu-22 bombers flying over the Black Sea near NATO airspace. The incident was described as routine by RAF officials.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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60. Air Encounter

Date: July 25, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Black Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft did not file a flight plan, but maintained contact with regional air traffic control and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 24-30, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, July 31, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_07/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_24-30_2017.html?pbck=0
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61. Air Encounter

Date: August 1, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 31- August 7, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 7, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_31- august_7_2017.html?pbck=10
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62. Air Encounter

Date: August 1, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 31- August 7, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 7, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_31-august_7_2017.html?pbck=10
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63. Air Encounter

Date: August 1, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted four Russian Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 31- August 7, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 7, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_31-august_7_2017.html?pbck=10
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64. Air Encounter

Date: August 1, 2017

States Involved: Estonia, Russia, Spain

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Spanish jets flying under NATO's Baltic air-policing mission were scrambled to intercept two Russian MiG-31 jets and one Antonov An-26 cargo plane approaching Estonian airspace. The An-26 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The MiG-31s took none of these steps. Later, handing off the intercept to Finnish aircraft, the NATO jets unintentionally violated Finnish airspace for about one minute, as clarified between NATO and Finland.

Context: This incident occurred one day after American Vice President Mike Pence visited Estonia to pledge further support for NATO's collective security activities in the region.

Sources:

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65. Air Encounter

Date: August 2, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-142 maritime patrol aircraft and one Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders. An identical incident occurred later in the day.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 31- August 7, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 7, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_31-august_7_2017.html?pbck=10
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66. Air Encounter

Date: August 2, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-142 maritime patrol aircraft and one Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 31- August 7, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 7, 2017.

http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_31-august_7_2017.html?pbck=10

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67. Air Encounter

Date: August 3, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 31- August 7, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 7, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_31-august_7_2017.html?pbck=10
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68. Air Encounter

Date: August 5, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and maintained contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on July 31- August 7, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 7, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_july_31-august_7_2017.html?pbck=10
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69. Air Encounters (Multiple)

Date: August 7, 2017 - August 13, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters scrambled 8 times to intercept at least 21 Russian aircraft (including fighter jets and transport aircraft) in international airspace over the Baltic Sea throughout this one-week period. Most of the aircraft had disengaged their transponders and did not respond to communication attempts. At least half of the flights involved transit between Kaliningrad and mainland Russia.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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70. Air Encounter

Date: August 17, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Two Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flew from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea and were intercepted and escorted by aircraft flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission. The transponders of both Russian aircraft were disengaged during the flight.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 14 – 20, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 21, 2017. https://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current-issues/data-on-interceptions-of-aircraft-completed-near-the-baltic-states-borders-on-august-14-20-2017
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71. Air Encounter

Date: August 17, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: One Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flew from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea, and was intercepted and escorted by aircraft flying under NATO's Baltic air-policing mission. The Russian aircraft's transponder was disengaged during the flight.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 14 – 20, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 21, 2017. https://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current_issues/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_14_20_2017
- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," NATO, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

72. Air Encounter

Date: August 18, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: One Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flew from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea, and was intercepted and escorted by aircraft flying under NATO's Baltic air-policing mission. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and remained in radio contact with regional traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 14 – 20, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 21, 2017. https://kam.lt/en/news_1098/current_issues/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_14_20_2017
- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," NATO, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

73. Air Encounter

Date: August 22, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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74. Air Encounter

Date: August 22, 2017

States Involved: Denmark, Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: Danish aircraft intercepted one Russian Tu-95 bomber in international airspace near the Danish island of Bornholm. The Danish jets then escorted the Russian aircraft in its flight between Poland and Sweden.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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75. Air Encounter

Date: August 24, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-22 and two Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Il-22 had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 21 – 27, 2017" Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 28, 2017. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_08/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on august 21 27 2017.html?pbck=0](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_21_27_2017.html?pbck=0)
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76. Air Encounter

Date: August 26, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one An-72 transport aircraft, three An-12 transport aircraft, and three Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The An-72 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged. The An-12s had filed flight plans and were in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged their transponders. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 21 – 27, 2017" Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 28, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_21_27_2017.html?pbck=0
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77. Air Encounter

Date: August 26, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted three Russian An-12 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed flight plans and were in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 21 – 27, 2017" Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, August 28, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_08/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_21_27_2017.html?pbck=0
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78. Air Encounter

Date: August 28, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 28 – September 3, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_28_september_3_2017.html?pbck=20
- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," NATO, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

79. Air Encounter

Date: August 29, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had its transponder engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 28 – September 3, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_28_september_3_2017.html?pbck=20
- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," NATO, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

80. Air Encounter

Date: August 29, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-24 ground-attack aircraft flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft did not file flight plans, were not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 28 – September 3, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 4, 2017.

http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_28_september_3_2017.html?pbck=20

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81. Air Encounter

Date: August 30, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-50 early warning aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in radio contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 28 – September 3, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_28_september_3_2017.html?pbck=20
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82. Air Encounter

Date: August 31, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft filed flight plans and maintained radio contact with regional air traffic control, but had not engaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 28 – September 3, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_28_september_3_2017.html?pbck=20

- "Poland takes lead of NATO's Baltic Air Policing, supported by Spain," *NATO*, May 2, 2017. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_143395.htm

83. Air Encounter

Date: August 31, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft filed a flight plan, was in radio contact with air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 28 – September 3, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_28_september_3_2017.html?pbck=20
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84. Air Encounter

Date: September 1, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft filed a flight plan and was in radio contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 28 – September 3, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_28_september_3_2017.html?pbck=20
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85. Air Encounter

Date: September 3, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Poland or Spain), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft filed a flight plan and maintained contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on August 28 – September 3, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_august_28_september_3_2017.html?pbck=20
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86. Air Encounter

Date: September 5, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft did not file flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 4-10, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 11, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_4-10_2017.html?pbck=10
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87. Air Encounter

Date: September 8, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and maintained contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 4-10, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 11, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_4-10_2017.html?pbck=10
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88. Air Encounter

Date: September 8, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-12 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and maintained contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 4-10, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 11, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_4-10_2017.html?pbck=10
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89. Air Encounter

Date: September 11, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the

Baltic Sea. One of the four aircraft was in contact with regional air traffic control, and all of them had disengaged their transponders and failed to file flight plans.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-17, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 18, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-17_2017.html?pbck=10
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90. Air Encounter

Date: September 12, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-17, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 18, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-17_2017.html?pbck=10
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91. Air Encounter

Date: September 12, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one An-12 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russia had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-17, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 18, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-17_2017.html?pbck=10
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92. Air Encounter

Date: September 12, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Su-24MR and one Su-35 flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-17, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 18, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-17_2017.html?pbck=10
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93. Air Encounter

Date: September 12, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Mi-26 fighter jet flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian helicopter had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-17, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 18, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-17_2017.html?pbck=10
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94. Air Encounter

Date: September 13, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-22 airborne command aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, but was not in contact with regional air traffic control and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-17, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 18, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-17_2017.html?pbck=10
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95. Air Encounter

Date: September 13, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-18 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, but was not in contact with regional air traffic control and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-17, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 18, 2017.

http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_11-17_2017.html?pbck=10

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96. Air Encounter

Date: September 14, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a group of nine Russian aircraft (four Su-35 fighter jets, six Tu-22 bombers, and one Su-30 fighter jet) flying between mainland Russia and Kaliningrad. None of the Russian aircraft had filed flight plans, none were in contact with air traffic control, and all had disengaged their transponders.

Context: possibly connected with Zapad 2017 exercises

Sources:

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97. Air Encounter

Date: September 14, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a group of five Russian aircraft (four Su-34 fighter jets, one Su-27 fighter jet) flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. None of the Russian aircraft had filed flight plans, none were in contact with regional air traffic control, and all of them had disengaged their transponders.

Context: possibly connected with Zapad 2017 exercises

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-17, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 18, 2017.
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98. Air Encounter

Date: September 15, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 11-17, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 18, 2017.
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99. Air Encounter

Date: September 16, 2017

States Involved: Russia, Lithuania

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Incident Details: Two Russian IL-76 aircraft entered Lithuanian airspace and remained inside it for approximately two minutes. No aircraft appear to have been scrambled in response. The Russian ambassador to Lithuania was summoned to explain the incident, and the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry released a statement calling on Russia to prevent future incidents. The Russian Defense Ministry released a statement accusing Lithuania of politicizing the issue, and claimed that the jets had received permission to avoid a thunderstorm by changing course.

Context: This incident occurred during the Zapad 2017 military exercises.

Sources:

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100. Air Encounter

Date: September 19, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
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101. Air Encounter

Date: September 19, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a group of five Russian aircraft (four Su-34 fighter jets, one Su-30SM fighter jet) flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. None of the Russian aircraft had filed flight plans, none were in contact with regional air traffic control, and all of them had disengaged their transponders.

Context: possibly connected with Zapad 2017 exercises

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0

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- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

102. Air Encounter

Date: September 20, 2017

States Involved: Denmark, NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Tu-22 bombers and two Su-27 fighter jets flying toward Denmark over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft did not file flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders. The same group was intercepted a second time by NATO aircraft after two more Su-27s had joined it.

Context: possibly connected with Zapad 2017 exercises

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

103. Air Encounter

Date: September 20, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Tu-22 bombers and two Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft did not file flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: possibly connected with Zapad 2017 exercises

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0

- “Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away,” *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

104. Air Encounter

Date: September 20, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft did not file flight plans, were not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
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105. Air Encounter

Date: September 21, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russia Il-22 airborne command aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and maintained radio contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
- “Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away,” *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

106. Air Encounter

Date: September 21, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Su-27 fighter jets flying in international airspace over the Baltic Sea. Both aircraft had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with regional air control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

107. Air Encounter

Date: September 21, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-18 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, but was not in contact with regional air traffic control and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

108. Air Encounter

Date: September 22, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian A-50 early warning aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

109. Air Encounter

Date: September 22, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Tu-134 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, but was in contact with air traffic control and had its transponders engaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, September 25, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_09_3129/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

110. Air Encounter

Date: September 25, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 25 – October 1, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 2, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_25_october_1_2017.html?pbck=30
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

111. Air Encounter

Date: September 26, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on September 25 – October 1, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 2, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_september_25_october_1_2017.html?pbck=30
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112. Air Encounter

Date: October 2, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft and one Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to

Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed flight plans and were in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 2-8, 2017" Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 9, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_2-8_2017.html?pbck=20
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

113. Air Encounter

Date: October (Uncertain), 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Su-24 ground-attack aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, but did not maintain contact with regional air traffic control and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 16-22, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 23, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_16-22_2017.html?pbck=0
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

114. Air Encounter

Date: October 25, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 23-29, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 30, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_23-29_2017.html?pbck=0
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115. Air Encounter

Date: October 27, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 23-29, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 30, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_23-29_2017.html?pbck=0
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

116. Air Encounter

Date: October 27, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 23-29, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, October 30, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_10/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_23-29_2017.html?pbck=0

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- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

117. Air Encounter

Date: November 3, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but its transponder had been disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on October 30 – November 5, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 3, 2017. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on october 30 november 5 2017.html?pbck=30](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_october_30_november_5_2017.html?pbck=30)
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

118. Air Encounter

Date: November 8, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-22 and two Russian Su-35 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The three aircraft were in contact with regional air traffic control, but had not filed flight plans and had disengaged their transponders. Two Russian fighter jets replaced the Su-35s in escorting the Il-22 midway through the flight. The Su-27s had not filed flight plans, were not in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 6-12, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 13, 2017. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on november 6-12 2017.html?pbck=20](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_6-12_2017.html?pbck=20)

- “Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away,” *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

119. Air Encounter

Date: November 8, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and remained in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 6-12, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 13, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_6-12_2017.html?pbck=20
- “Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away,” *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

120. Air Encounter

Date: November 9, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-22 airborne command aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. Two new Su-27 fighter jets replaced the initial pair halfway through the flight. None of the aircraft filed flight plans, only the Il-22 was in contact with regional air traffic control, and all had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 6-12, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 13, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_6-12_2017.html?pbck=20
- “Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away,” *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

121. Air Encounter

Date: November 11, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad. The Il-76 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder. The two Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 6-12, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 13, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_6-12_2017.html?pbck=20
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122. Air Encounter

Date: November 11, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and maintained contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 6-12, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 13, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_6-12_2017.html?pbck=20
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

123. Air Encounter

Date: November (Unclear), 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft and two Russian Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Il-76 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 6-12, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 13, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_6-12_2017.html?pbck=20
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

124. Air Encounter

Date: November 17, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Il-76 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 13-19, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 20, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_13-19_2017.html?pbck=10
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

125. Air Encounter

Date: November 18, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Il-76 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 13-19, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 20, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_13-19_2017.html?pbck=10
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

126. Sea Encounter

Date: November 18, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: A British frigate intercepted the Russian warship Vice Admiral Kulakov and escorted it through British territorial waters to the edge of the United Kingdom's area of interest.

Context: N/A

Sources:

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127. Air Encounter

Date: November 18, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 13-19, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 20, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_13-19_2017.html?pbck=10

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128. Air Encounter

Date: November 23, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: An American F-15 fighter jet flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Su-30 fighter jet over the Baltic Sea flying with transponders disengaged and no filed flight plans. The incident was described as safe by an Air Force spokesman.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Luis Martinez, "New videos show intercepts of Russian fighter jets," ABC News, January 5, 2018. <http://abcnews.go.com/International/videos-show-intercepts-russian-fighter-jets/story?id=52168480>
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- David Cenciotti, "The U.S. Air Force Releases New Video Showing F-15 Deployed To Lithuania Intercepting Russian Navy Su-30 Flankers Over The Baltics," *The Aviationist*, January 6, 2018. <https://theaviationist.com/2018/01/06/the-u-s-air-force-releases-new-video-showing-f-15-deployed-to-lithuania-intercepting-russian-navy-su-30-flankers-over-the-baltics/>

129. Air Encounter

Date: November 23, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: American aircraft flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted three Russian Su-30 fighter jets as they flew from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia. None of the jets had their transponders enabled, but were in radio contact with regional air control.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 20-26, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 27, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_20-26_2017.html?pbck=0

- “Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away,” *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

130. Air Encounter

Date: November 23, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: American aircraft flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 and two Su-27s as they flew from Russia to Kaliningrad. The Il-76 had its transponder enabled and remained in radio contact with air control, but the two Su-27 fighter jets did neither.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- “Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States’ borders on November 20-26, 2017,” Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 27, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_20-26_2017.html?pbck=0
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131. Air Encounter

Date: November 23, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: American aircraft flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 as it flew from Russia to Kaliningrad. The Russian aircraft's transponder was not enabled.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- “Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States’ borders on November 20-26, 2017,” Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 27, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_20-26_2017.html?pbck=0
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132. Air Encounter

Date: November 24, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: American aircraft flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 and two Su-27s as they flew from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia. The Il-76 had filed a flight plan and its transponder was operational, while the two Su-27s had not filed plans and had disengaged their transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- “Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States’ borders on November 20-26, 2017,” Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, November 27, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017-11/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_20-26_2017.html?pbck=0
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132. Air Incident

Date: November 25, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Black Sea

Details: One Russian Su-30 fighter jet intercepted an American P-8A reconnaissance aircraft flying in international airspace over the Black Sea. The Russian jet came within 15 meters of the American aircraft, and flew in such a way to force the other aircraft to change course and experience turbulence. The American aircraft's transponder was engaged prior to the incident. A Pentagon spokesman described the Russian pilot's behavior as "unsafe." A statement by the Russian government claimed that the P-8A was approaching Russian airspace at high speed.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Ryan Browne, "Russian jet makes 'unsafe' intercept of US Navy aircraft," *CNN*, November 27, 2017. <https://www.cnn.com/2017/11/27/politics/russia-us-unsafe-intercept/index.html>
- Ben Werner, "Moscow Claimed U.S. Navy P-8A Was Flying Toward Russian Airspace Before Black Sea Intercept," *USNI News*, November 28, 2017. <https://news.usni.org/2017/11/28/moscow-claimed-u-s-navy-p-8a-flying-toward-russian-airspace-black-sea-intercept>
- Alexander Smith and Mosheh Gains, "Russian fighter makes 'unsafe' interception of U.S. Navy plane over Black Sea," *NBC News*, November 28, 2017. <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/russian-fighter-makes-unsafe-interception-u-s-navy-plane-over-n824431>

133. Air Encounter

Date: November 29, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Il-76 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with regional air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on November 27-December 3, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 4, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_november_27-december_3_2017.html?pbck=20
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

134. Air Encounter

Date: December 4, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 4 - 10, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 11, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_4_-_10_2017.html?pbck=10
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

135. Air Encounter

Date: December 5, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 4 - 10, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 11, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_4_-_10_2017.html?pbck=10
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136. Air Encounter

Date: December 5, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-76 transport aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had engaged its transponder, but had not filed a flight plan and was not in contact with air traffic control.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 4 - 10, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 11, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_4_-_10_2017.html?pbck=10
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137. Air Encounter

Date: December 5, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 4 - 10, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 11, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_4_-_10_2017.html?pbck=10
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138. Air Encounter

Date: December 7, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The

Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 4 - 10, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 11, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_4_-_10_2017.html?pbck=10
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139. Air Encounter

Date: December 8, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted a Russian Tu-134 transport aircraft and two Su-27 fighter jets flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Tu-134 had filed a flight plan, was in contact with air traffic control, and had engaged its transponder. The Su-27s took none of these steps.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 4 - 10, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 11, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_4_-_10_2017.html?pbck=10
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

140. Air Encounter

Date: December 13, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United States

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: An American F-15 fighter jet flying under the NATO Baltic air-policing mission intercepted two Russian Su-30 fighter jets over the Baltic Sea that was flying with transponders disengaged and no filed flight plans. US Air Forces Europe later released video footage. The encounter was described as safe by an Air Force spokesman.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- Luis Martinez, "New videos show intercepts of Russian fighter jets," *ABC News*, January 5, 2018. <http://abcnews.go.com/International/videos-show-intercepts-russian-fighter-jets/story?id=52168480>
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141. Air Encounter

Date: December 19, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan, but was not in contact with air traffic control and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 27, 2017. http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

142. Air Encounter

Date: December 20, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had not filed a flight plan, was not in contact with regional air traffic control, and had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 27, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
- "Belgian jets into Baltic action straight away," *Latvian Public Broadcasting*, September 7, 2017. <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/defense/belgian-jets-into-baltic-action-straight-away.a249265/>

143. Air Encounter

Date: December 24, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian Il-20 intelligence aircraft flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russia aircraft was in contact with regional air traffic control, but it had not filed a flight plan and its transponder was disengaged.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 18-24, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, December 27, 2017.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_18-24_2017.html?pbck=0
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144. Air Encounter

Date: December 25, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport aircraft flying from mainland Russia to Kaliningrad over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had not filed a flight plan and had disengaged its transponders.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 25-31, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 2, 2018.
http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2018/news_archive_2018_-_12/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_25-31_2017.html?pbck=0

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145. Sea Encounter

Date: December 25, 2017

States Involved: Russia, United Kingdom

Geographic Region: Northern Europe

Details: British naval frigate intercepted and escorted a Russian warship sailing in the North Sea near the territorial waters of the United Kingdom. A helicopter was dispatched to monitor two other Russian vessels in the region.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Royal Navy Frigate Intercepts Russian Warship in North Sea," *VOA News*, December 25, 2017. <https://www.voanews.com/a/russian-warship-intercepted-by-british-navy/4179227.html>
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- "HMS St Albans: UK frigate shadows Russian warship in North Sea" *BBC News*, December 26, 2017. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-42481216>

146. Air Encounter

Date: December 27, 2017

States Involved: NATO (Belgium or United States), Russia

Geographic Region: Baltic Sea

Details: NATO fighters flying under the Baltic air-policing mission intercepted one Russian An-26 transport flying from Kaliningrad to mainland Russia over the Baltic Sea. The Russian aircraft had filed a flight plan and was in contact with regional air traffic control, but had disengaged its transponder.

Context: N/A

Sources:

- "Data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the Baltic States' borders on December 25-31, 2017," Lithuanian Ministry of National Defense, January 2, 2018. [http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2018/news_archive_2018_01_01/data on interceptions of aircraft completed near the baltic states borders on december 25-31 2017.html?pbck=30](http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2018/news_archive_2018_01_01/data_on_interceptions_of_aircraft_completed_near_the_baltic_states_borders_on_december_25-31_2017.html?pbck=30)
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