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Russia to respond to West's attempted restrictions in Baltic Sea – Putin aide

Western nations are de facto “committing acts of piracy” against vessels linked to Russia, Nikolay Patrushev has said



Russia is readying response measures to potential hostile NATO acts in the Baltics, Nikolay Patrushev, a senior aide to Russian President Vladimir Putin, has said. The military bloc's heightened activity in the area increasingly resembles acts of piracy, he told the government's Maritime Board

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meeting on Monday.

A set of measures has already been coordinated and agreed with the president, Patrushev said, without revealing the steps Moscow plans to take in response to what it calls a threat to its security and interests in the area. The presidential aide said the Russian Baltic Fleet is currently *“strengthening its positions”* in the Baltic Sea to ensure the safety of navigation and prevent any *“provocations”* by *“unfriendly”* nations.

“The threats posed by NATO are rapidly growing,” the presidential aide said, claiming that the bloc has effectively dismantled the international security architecture established after World War II. NATO is now *“stepping up its presence”* in the Baltic region and expanding its *“combat and reconnaissance capabilities,”* Patrushev, who also chairs the Maritime Board, warned.

He added that these actions are part of a broader effort by Ukraine's Western backers to increase pressure on Russia. According to Patrushev, Western countries are preparing legislation that would allow them to inspect vessels operating in Russia's interests in international waters. They are also considering measures to restrict the navigation of these ships in the Baltic Sea or even block their passage through international straits.



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“Against this background, the Western nations are de facto committing acts of piracy,” he said, citing an *“attempt by the Estonian Navy, backed by NATO aircraft, to detain a civilian vessel in the Gulf of Finland.”*

Patrushev was referring to an incident on May 13 involving the Jaguar, a Gabon-flagged ship en route to a Russian port, which the Estonian Navy tried to detain.

Estonian Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna later claimed that the vessel was unflagged and uninsured, and said the navy attempted to

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“inspect” it.

He also acknowledged that Estonia *“has started to harass”* what he described as Russia's *“shadow fleet”* – a term used in the West to refer to tankers operating outside Western insurance systems.

Last month, Patrushev warned that EU and UK plans to tighten maritime restrictions on Russia *“increasingly resemble a naval blockade.”* He added that if diplomatic and legal means fail, Russia would be ready to deploy its navy to safeguard navigation.

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WW III, is inevitable, the US is addicted to war, our economy has been a war economy since Vietnam, the Zionists want a US Russia confrontation they have Trump by the balls.

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Will E 5/26/2025 at 9:04 PM 1

Russia needs to arm all merchant ships with missiles. SAM and anti-ship missiles could eliminate all threats ASAP. In addition, escort all merchant ships with warships. Dear NATO, FAFO.

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Валерій Хотариуц 5/26/2025 at 8:59 PM -1

Russia must state clearly that any attempt to «inspect» shadow fleet in the international water will be met without delay by a missile to sink western ship. No ambiguity – let see how pipsqueak estonia try it again!

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William Kierath 5/26/2025 at 5:30 PM 18




After the attempt on Putin in Kursk ... It seems to me the only way to get rid of Putin is all out


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War... Trump is frurious Putin supports the Sahel to the point I believe with Mali kicking out at this present time the US\$100 million Drone Base and the Ivory Coast is also following Mali and going to stop the US Base on the Border ... Trump has gone ballistic and Pathologically insane.... His hate for Putin is now exposed because he will not capitulate and give him the Nobel Prize for Peace by claiming he settled the War and Peace reigns!

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 **Gian Keller** 5/26/2025 at 5:57 PM [↑](#)

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I agree with what you say about Trump.


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 **Barbanyah Yahsarahla** 5/26/2025 at 6:32 PM [↑](#)

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Firstly, Trump is an idiot. he was the first to send lethal weapons to Kiev to kill the Russians, so I don't see how he is now acting as if he means the Russian people any good. My question is, are you going to wait until a million die before you act? Well, you have been doing this since Genghis Khan

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 **Raymond** 5/26/2025 at 7:06 PM [↑](#)

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Trump needs to be very luckey ALL the time, his many enemies only Once.


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 **Richard Graham** 5/26/2025 at 8:38 PM [↑](#)

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There are as million Canadians who want to blow his head off.

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 **David Collishaw** 5/26/2025 at 8:49 PM [↑](#)

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Trump was bullied into supplying weapons and he is stupid to try and claim credit for something he was impeached for when he tried to block it.

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L Luke Danes 5/26/2025 at 6:35 PM ↑

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i agree as well except he said trump not the regime. if he died a year ago, same things would happen. not sure why people think him and bibi have the power to dictate and do so with emotion

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A Alex Wolf 5/26/2025 at 8:53 PM ↑

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I think it is too soon to evaluate the actions of President Trump in these matters. The U.S. is in a state of Civil War without use of force – so far. The President has to maneuver on many issues and to zigzag on many.

Lenin, a poor dogmatic economist, but a brilliant politician, told the Russian people, to take one step back in order to make two steps forward.

Presidents Lincoln and FDR practiced this strategy frequently.

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J John Marthaller 5/26/2025 at 7:15 PM ↑

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Get rid of Putin. Now that is funny! How many western cities would you like destroyed while you get rid of Putin? Nuclear Chess, a Stalemate!

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R Richard Graham 5/26/2025 at 8:40 PM ↑

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Alexander Solzhenitsyn:

“Unlimited power
in the hands of limited people
always leads to cruelty.”

Yankees are sooooo stupid they believe electing as President:

a racist,
a genocidal Israeli Nazi,
a convicted fraud,
a convicted rapist,
a drinking sack of excremental lies

a shipping sack of excremental lies,
a narcissistic fascist,
a corrupt Mafia slut,
and the Chief Jan 06 traitor,
will be good for the US or the world.

George Orwell:

"A people that elects corrupt politicians, imposters, thieves and traitors
aren't victims...but accomplices."

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David Collishaw 5/26/2025 at 8:49 PM ↑

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if Trump wants a peace prize then he needs to stop Israel.

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Russia is working on convoy protection methods which will really upset NATO as their fleets
flow freely through the baltic supported by air cover.

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63051 5/26/2025 at 8:47 PM

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How do you dealt with piracy? Sink their ships and kill the pirates. It was used to stop piracy in
17th & 18th Century. In fact this was carried out by the same people now engaging in piracy
themselves; albeit under the guise of «inspect vessel»!

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