



## **TRENDS!**

### A New Generation of Kamikaze Drones For "Hunting" Manpower



Elbit Systems demonstrated its new development of a loitering munition, which is designed for manpower destruction, in particular, in built-up conditions.



### Turkey's Fighter-Like Drone Emerges For Taxi Tests



With stealthy features and high speed, the Kizilelma drone is a far more advanced offering than the famous TB2.



### Ukraine Situation Report: Possible Drone Boat Attack On Russian Port



Video shows what is said to be a Ukrainian 'kamikaze' drone boat attacking a port inside Russian territory.





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### Baltic Conflict: Russia's Goal to Distract NATO?

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#### Russia's Goal to Distract NATO?

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The Baltics are a key strategic region where the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Russian military and economic interests overlap. Following the November 2 pipeline, regardless of who remained the attack, has signaled that conflict in the region is no longer left of being. Core area operations are underway, and the United States, NATO, and other partners need to be ready to act in unity against an increasingly hostile Russia that is now trying to distract attention from its military shortcomings in Ukraine. In this effort, Russia's playbook will use the Baltics and to require the success of the alliance. An existing response is needed to drive Russian control and ensure full conflict is avoided. The NATO summit in Vilnius will be critical to strengthening resolve and a path forward to a combined strategy to deter further Russian aggression.

Conflict in the Baltics will take place in every domain: on sea, land, space, and cyber. Russia has maintained a constant threat to the Baltic region through the full spectrum of gray area operations, including economic coercion, disinformation and propaganda, cyber disruption, and covert military incursions. Ukraine may have changed the calculus for a Russian conflict in the Baltics by creating significant gaps in Russia's ability to control the land and air domains. Conflict in the Baltics would occur the same national, operational needs that can be deployed in Ukraine—with the added weight of NATO's Article 5 commitment.

Though an invasion of the Baltic states or conflict in the Baltic Sea is unlikely, the conflict in Ukraine has increased preparation across all domains and on every front. Baltic states are rightly concerned with how the NATO can collectively respond to crisis. Control of the maritime domain and suppression of Russian anti-access, area denial (A2AD) capabilities will be critical to that response. Ultimately, the most important preparation has been the solidifying of partnerships and alliances—an extended emergence of future war.

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This paper outlines how NATO needs a clear strategy to respond to a Russian Baltic playbook: full spectrum gray zone operations, economic coercion, disinformation and propaganda, cyber disruption, and cover military incursions.



### Kann es im Ukraine-Krieg noch einen Sieger geben?



ObstdG Dr. Markus Reisner, PhD im Interview mit Agenda Austria: *"Ein Ende sei erst in Sicht, wenn eine Seite messbare militärische Erfolge erzielt habe. Das wäre die Voraussetzung, dass zumindest einer mit Verhandlungen beginnen muss. Solange es diese durchschlagenden Erfolge nicht gibt, wird der Krieg weitergehen."*

