

## **NATO chief: world is at its most dangerous point in a generation**

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### **Secretary general Jens Stoltenberg visits NATO battle group soldiers at Tapa military base in Estonia.** Photograph: Raigo Pajula/AFP/Getty Images

By [Daniel Boffey](#) for The Guardian in Tapa, Estonia, Sep 8, 2017 The world is more dangerous today than it has been in a generation, the head of [NATO](#) has said, days before the mobilisation of an estimated 100,000 Russian troops on the EU's eastern borders, and as a nuclear crisis grows on the Korean peninsula. Jens Stoltenberg, secretary general of the military alliance, said the sheer number of converging threats was making the world increasingly perilous. Asked in a Guardian interview whether he had known a more dangerous time in his 30-year career, Stoltenberg said: "It is more unpredictable, and it's more difficult because we have so many challenges at the same time. "We have proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in [North Korea](#), we have terrorists, instability, and we have a more assertive Russia," Stoltenberg said during a break from visiting British troops stationed in Estonia. "It is a more dangerous world." From next Thursday, over six days, Russian and Belarusian troops will take part in what is likely to be Moscow's largest military exercise since the cold war. An estimated 100,000 soldiers, security personnel and civilian officials, will be active around the Baltic Sea, western [Russia](#), Belarus and the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad, without the supervision required under international agreement. [...]  
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