

# Russian Plane Flying “Dangerously Close” to a USS Destroyer in Baltic Sea

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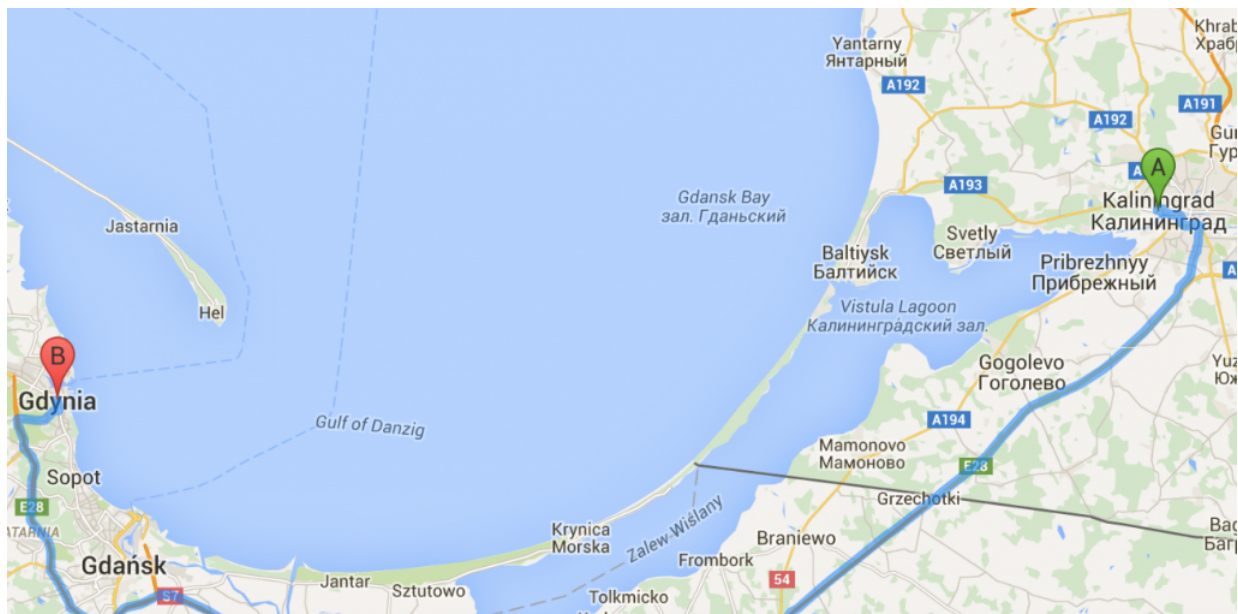
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The US NAVY has complained that:

*“Russian attack jets flew “dangerously close” to a U.S. Navy destroyer numerous times in the Baltic Sea this week, according to U.S. officials, continuing a pattern of behavior in the region that the Defense Department has previously decried.*

*The incidents occurred Monday and Tuesday, with the planes making multiple passes by the USS Donald Cook, a destroyer, while it was traveling in international waters, U.S. European Command officials said in a statement released Wednesday afternoon. The organization released videos that show the jets roaring by at a high rate of speed, seemingly no more than a few hundred feet away.” (WP, April 13, 2016)*

The US destroyer was stationed at the Polish port of Gdynia, within about 100 km of Russia’s Kaliningrad enclave according to news reports.



Nina Kouprianovo on her Facebook page says:

*“There has been lot of complaining today about a Russian plane flying “dangerously close” to a US ship. So I’ve made a helpful diagram just for you.”*



The USS Donald Cook, while navigating within international waters has the unspoken mandate to “police” those waters within proximity of Kalingrad, which is an enclave of the Russian Federation. Kalingrad is home to Russia’s Baltic Fleet.

US-NATO routinely conduct war games in the Baltic Sea off the Kalingrad coastline.

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