



Place in News - Estonia

Context: NATO has condemned Russia for breaching Estonian airspace with three MiG-31 fighter jets.

- Estonia has invoked Article 4 of the NATO treaty to request urgent consultations regarding its territorial security.



About Estonia:

- Located in northeastern Europe, it is the northernmost of the Baltic States.
- **Capital:** Tallinn.



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- **Neighboring Nations:** Russia (via the Narva River and Lake Peipus), Latvia, and the Baltic Sea.

Key Features:

- **Relief:** Predominantly low-lying glacial plains, with a mean elevation of approximately 50 meters.
- **Highest Point:** Suur Munamägi (318 meters).
- **Rivers:** Narva, Pärnu, Pedja, and Kasari.
- **Climate:** Temperate, with humid and mild coastal conditions due to North Atlantic air masses, and colder temperatures inland.

Flora & Fauna:

- Forests account for about 50% of the land area (including pines, birches, and firs).
- The region boasts rich biodiversity, with common species including elk, deer, lynx, bears, and various migratory birds.

NATO Articles:

- **Article 4:** Member states consult whenever their territorial integrity, political independence, or security is under threat.
- **Article 5:** Collective defense clause – an attack on one member is regarded as an attack on all (this has been invoked only once, following the events of September 11).
- Estonia became a member of NATO and the EU in 2004, thereby securing a protective umbrella against external threats.