

Ennakkotehtävä - Tiedustelijat

Yleiset ohjeet: Vastaa kokonaisuudessaan lausein. Huomioi vastauspituus. Ennakkotehtävä on yksilösuoritus.

Tehtävä 1

Tutki oheisia uutiskatkelmia.

1. Kirjoita lyhyt tiivistelmä katkelmien sisällöstä. Merkkimäärä: 600

2. Perustele, miksi kyseiset seikat ovat oleellisia. Merkkimäärä: vapaa

Lähde 1:

On May 14, the Estonian military and NATO aircraft tried to take control of the civilian JAGUAR in the neutral waters of the Baltic Sea. The incident, which some regarded as a military provocation against the background of negotiations on Ukraine, was on a par with other events aimed at “squeezing” Russia from the Gulf of Finland and the Baltic in general.

The information that Estonia and NATO tried to capture the civilian vessel JAGUAR in the Gulf of Finland appeared on the evening of May 14. It is known that the ship under the flag of Gabon followed to the port of Primorsk in the territory of the Leningrad region and was in neutral waters, when patrol ships of the Estonian Navy and the MiG-29 aircraft of the Polish Air Force appeared on the horizon.

The military expected that the oil tanker would leave international waters and would be on the territory of Estonia, where the country's authorities would be able to detain him, but the sailors ignored the threats to make a ram and the attempts to land the helicopter, continuing to follow their course. On May 15, the JAGUAR tanker managed to safely get to the anchorage in Primorsk. On board the ship was a crew of 21 people, including Russian citizens (four people), India and Myanmar. In addition, to assist in the case of mechanical problems, a tow axle was organized.

It was also reported that the ship should be inspected by divers. According to insiders, such an examination can last about 6 hours. At the same time, crew members will be able to go ashore only after checking the commission of the border service. Russian news outlets claim that the Russian military has launched its Su-35 fighter jet to prevent the capture of the tanker. In turn, the Estonian Foreign Ministry said that JAGUAR allegedly entered the exclusive economic zone of the republic and belongs to the so-called “shadow fleet” of Russia.

“We responded accordingly, directing our forces to accompany the ship of the “shadow fleet”, as it did not have insurance and flag. But the Russian Federation sent a fighter that was illegally on the territory of NATO for less than a minute to assess the situation. NATO fighters were also raised up to control the Russian fighter,” said Estonian Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna to reporters upon arrival in Antalya for a meeting of NATO foreign ministers. The head of the Estonian Foreign Ministry wrote on his page in the social network X (former Twitter) that in connection with the incident in the Baltic Sea in the Estonian Foreign Ministry, the Chargé d’affaires of Russia was

called. The minister also said that he “informed” US Secretary of State Marco Rubio about the alleged violation of the airspace of Estonia by the pilots of the Russian Su-35.

The attempt to oust the JAGUAR oil tanker from neutral waters and to detain on the territory of Estonia is not the first actions that create inconvenience for Russia in the Baltic Sea. Last winter, NATO countries announced the start of the military operation “Baltic Sentry”, which began under the pretext of strengthening the protection of submarine cables, the safety of which allegedly was threatened by Russian ships.

In addition, in April 2025, Estonian President Alar Karis approved amendments allowing the army and navy to attack and sink suspicious vessels in the Baltic, thus responding “to threats to infrastructure that provides vital services, state defense facilities, ports and other facilities or equipment.” In parallel, statements about the alleged regular interference of GPS from Russia continue to be heard in Estonia and other European countries, while the UK, along with the EU, is preparing to impose new sanctions against the so-called “shadow fleet” of the Russian Federation.

“We can imagine what money and the scale of the business scheme in the war in Europe is under threat, if on the eve of the negotiations on Ukraine the Baltic States, the Poles and the position behind them London are on a direct military provocation in the Baltic Sea. If they managed to capture the tanker, the entire Russian team would be jailed on absurd charges and we would have been waiting for a new “case of Yuri Mel”. Russia, having lifted the fighter into the sky, has chosen the best solution,” an expert believes.

“If the ship goes to our port, the military leadership of Russia has every right to protect it with available forces and means to prevent a violation of international laws,” a military expert notes. “An exception to the rules on the inviolability of the vessel in neutral waters are situations when there is irrefutable evidence that the ship is involved in illegal activities: for example, it is used to transport terrorists or weapons,” he added.

An political scientist recalls that earlier Estonia has already made attempts to inspect ships under the pretext of protecting internal waters, but does not agree that the authorities of the republic act in this way as part of a campaign to “squeeze out” Russia from the Baltic Sea. “Rath again, this is a policy of pressure from the NATO bloc on Russia, perhaps, to provoke Russia to retaliate. Estonia acts as a representative of the North Atlantic Alliance in this case. Many colleagues note that on his own Tallinn would not have taken such a confrontational step towards Russia, with which I agree. And therefore, defending Russia’s position in the Baltic Sea should be carried out by influencing NATO structures,” says the political scientist.

According to Ekaterina Perevalova, the incident with the tanker JAGUAR and the subsequent actions of the Russian side, aimed at ensuring the safety of their ships, will not be the reason for the beginning of a direct conflict in the Baltic.

Lähde 2:

A Russian SU-35 fighter jet violated Estonian airspace on Tuesday. It was not a typical airspace violation: a Russian fighter jet appeared over Estonian naval vessels who had completed an escort mission. According to the Estonian public broadcaster ERR, the Estonian Navy was escorting the Jaguar oil tanker, which is traveling under the Gabon flag, out of the Estonian economic zone. The Navy had tried to stop the ship earlier, but it had refused to cooperate. The Jaguar oil tanker is part of Russia's suspensive fleet of sanctions. The tanker is on the British sanctions list. According to the Estonian authorities, the vessel sailed 'without nationality', which made Estonia obliged to inspect the ship's documents. Thus, Estonia sent a Navy boat, helicopter and aircraft to escort the oil tanker out of Estonia's exclusive economic zone into Russian territorial waters.

The video, filmed by a member of the Jaguar crew, shows how the Estonian scout ship asks the oil tanker to take a new course. "There are helicopters here, they're demanding that we drop the anchor," a Russian-speaking video-speaking man said in the video. A Russian SU-35 fighter was on the scene of a escort mission near the Juminda Peninsula. "MiG, MiG, the Russian voice says in the video, apparently mistakenly from the fighter model. According to the Estonian Defence Forces, the fighter had no flight plan, had turned off its transponder and did not establish communication with Estonian air traffic control. According to the Estonian Defence Forces, the fighter jet spent less than a minute in Estonian airspace. The Finnish Defence Forces cannot say with certainty whether the fighter's overflight was related to the naval escort mission. The Estonian Foreign Ministry sent a note to the Russian interim vice-civilian in Estonia. The Jaguar oil tanker arrived at the Russian oil port of Primorsk on Thursday morning, according to the Estonian Broadcasting Company ERR.

According to Estonian Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna, the incident is an example of the threat posed by the Russian military alliance against NATO. On the evening of 13 May, Estonia acted in accordance with its rights and checked the uninsured and unflagged Jaguar vessel, which travels through Estonia's exclusive economic zone and is part of the shadow fleet. According to Tsahkna, Russia responded to the navy's actions in a "dangerously aggressive way" and sent a fighter jet to escort the shadow fleet from the ship. "The case is yet another proof that Russia poses a serious threat not only in Ukraine, but elsewhere," Tsahkna told the ERR.

Tehtävä 2

Analysoi ohessa olevaa kuvaa. Mitä huomioita ja päätelmiä voit tehdä kuvasta?



Tehtävä 3

Pohdi ja arvioi, miten Suomen (sotilaallinen) toimintaympäristö tulee muuttumaan seuraavan viiden (5) vuoden sisällä? Perustele vastauksesi konkreettisin esimerkein. Merkkimäärä: 1000