

Lithuania Cases, 1970-2012
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T444	RUSSIAN NATIONAL UNITY		1990	0
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I. RUSSIAN NATIONAL UNITY

Torg ID: 444

Min. Group Date: 1990

Max. Group Date: 0

Onset: NA

Aliases: Russian National Unity (RNU), Russkoe Natsionalnoe Edinstvo (RNU)

Part 1. Bibliography

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Part 2. Basic Coding

Aliases: Russian National Unity (RNU), Russkoe Natsionalnoe Edinstvo (RNE), National

Bolshevik Party

Group Formation: 1990

Group End: 2000 (MIPT 2008)

Part 3. Narrative

Group Formation

Alexandr Barkashov founded the Russkoe Natsionalnoe Edinstvo (RNE) on October 16, 1990 as a splinter of the Pamyat group (Atkins, 2004, 43; Romov 2001, 66; Sokolov 2001, 68). The group's aim was to "cleanse" Russia of religious minorities, endorse the Russian Orthodox Church. (MIPT 2008). Their political aim was to also participate in Russian politics (Atkins 2004, 43; Sokolov 2001, 68). The group first gained acknowledgement as a violent group during the cessation of the Soviet Union in 1990, in a time of socioeconomic instability within Russia (MIPT 2008). Their first known violent incident was in 1993 when it seized the Russian House of Parliament (Romov 2001, 66; Atkins 2004, 43; MIPT 2008) The RNE is extremely anti-semitic, and they are also right-wing (Atkins 2004, 43; Sokolov 2001, 68).

Geography

The RNE primarily operates within Russia, but also conducts activities in Ukraine, and the Baltics (MIPT 2008). Their first attack occurred at the Russian House of Parliament located in Moscow, Russia (Romov 2001, 66; MIPT 2008).

Organizational Structure

The RNE was formed by Aleksandr Barkashov, a former commander in the Russian army, who blamed Russia's socioeconomic instability on Jews (Atkins 2004, 43). The group had 6,000 active members in 1999, but have also been known to have had approximately 100,000 members in the late nineties (ADL 1999; MIPT 2008). Members of the RNE were originally members of the anti-Semitic political party Pamyat (Sokolov 2001, 68). The RNE is a nationalist political party as well as an extremist parliamentary organization (MIPT 2008). The group has an armed wing known as the Russian National Assembly, and the organizational structure of the armed group consisted of divisions and battalions (Atkins 2004, 43; Sokolov 2001). Members of the group are willing to use violence to achieve their goals, and are trained in parliamentary tactics regarding the use of weaponry and explosives (MIPT 2008).

External Ties

The RNE has not had any external ties, but has endorsed the Russian military's efforts to intervene in Chechnya (MIPT 2008; ADL 1999; Atkins 2004, 43). Barkashov's reason for support of the military tied into his ideologies, as he did so in order to protect Russian citizens from control by the Russian-minority Chechnya population (MIPT 2008; ADL 1999; Atkins 2004, 43). After Barkashov's expulsion from Russia in 2000, the RNE split up into many factions without any central leadership (MIPT 2008).

Group Outcome

Though the RNE has proclaimed support for the Russian military, they do not receive any support from the Russian Military (MIPT 2008). However, the Russian government's arrest of Barkashov after the 1993 Parliament attack was short lived, since he was subsequently released in 1994 (Atkins 2004, 43). The Russian government arrested Igor Semyon in 1998 (ADL 1999). The group's last violent attack was in 1998 (MIPT 2008). The group splintered in 2000 after the Russian government expelled Barkashov (MIPT 2008).

Notes for Iris:

-did the government oppose the group?

II. LITHUANIAN LAND GUARD

Torg ID: 1796

Min. Group Date: 1992

Max. Group Date: 1992

Onset: NA

Aliases: None

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 - Lithuanian Land Guard panemune
 - "Lithuanian Land Guard"
 - Attack truck panemune 1992-05-01 to 1992-05-30

Part 2. Basic Coding

Aliases: none

Group Formation: 1992

Group End: 1992

Part 3. Narrative

Group Formation

There is no information about the group's formation. It conducted one attack, with a Russian target type, in Panemune, Lithuania on May 15, 1992 against the military which resulted in no injuries or fatalities (GTD 2018).

Geography

The group conducted one attack in Panemune, Lithuania (GTD 2018).

Organizational Structure

There is no information about the group's organizational structure.

External Ties

There is no information about the group's external ties.

Group Outcome

The group conducted one attack, with a Russian target type, on May 15, 1992, and after that, there was no evidence of the group (GTD 2018). The group is most likely no longer active.

Notes for Iris:

- the group was operating at the same time as the RNE which was actively associated with the Russian military
- might be some retaliatory issue at play but we just don't know