

# *NATO Approves 4000-Strong Force to Counter Russia*

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Brussels, September 2 (RHC)-- The continued violence in Ukraine comes ahead of a NATO summit in Britain later this week. NATO officials say they plan to approve a 4,000-member force that could be rapidly deployed to eastern Europe in response to what they call "Russia's aggressive behavior."

On Monday, Russia renewed calls for a ceasefire between the Ukrainian government and the separatists. But Ukraine has vowed to continue the fight, saying a ceasefire would mark a Russian victory.

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