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AN EARLY MARCH ESTONIAN BORDER TROOPS CONFISCATION OF A SHIPMENT CONTAINING MORE THAN 8,000 RUSSIAN PISTOLS. THE LATE MARCH BORDER INCIDENT WHICH LED TO THE DEATH OF A RUSSIAN BORDER GUARD WAS PERPETRATED BY ARMS SMUGGLERS. LASTLY, IN SEPTEMBER 1993, CRIMINALS SMUGGLED APPROXIMATELY 30,000 PISTOLS STOLEN FROM RUSSIAN ARMY WAREHOUSES IN WARSAW AND BECK, GERMANY THROUGH ESTONIA, TO RUSSIA FOR EVENTUAL DISTRIBUTION IN THE CAUCASAS AND CENTRAL ASIA. CRIMINALS USE TARTU AS THE MAIN HUB OF WEAPONS SMUGGLING, REPACKAGING LARGE SHIPMENTS PRIOR TO SMUGGLING THEM INTO RUSSIA AT THE LUHAMAA BORDER CROSSING POINT.

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