



# Requisitioning Private Vehicles for the Russian Army Under Martial Law

**OE Watch Commentary:** The accompanying excerpted article from the 24 July 2018 edition of *Izvestiya* discusses recent legislative changes to Russia's wartime private property seizure laws. In the Russian system, local military commissariats are responsible for the fall and spring draft boards that bring hundreds of thousands of conscripts into the military. Apparently in wartime, these commissariats have an additional duty, requisitioning materials, to include vehicles, to support the war effort. According to the new legislation, military commissariats will have access to better listings of militarily suitable vehicles for induction, through the use of vehicle registration and tax records. The accompanying excerpted article from the 31 July 2018 edition of *Izvestiya* also discusses Russian efforts to develop a capability to war game at the operational level. **End OE Watch Commentary (Bartles)**

**Source:** Aleksandr Kruglov, Aleksey Ramm, Bogdan Stepovoy, "Легковые автомобили граждан поставят на воинский учет (Citizens' Vehicles Will Be Placed on the Military Register)," *Izvestiya*, 24 July 2018. <https://iz.ru/769992/aleksandr-kruglov-aleksei-ramm-bogdan-stepovoi/legkovye-avtomobili-grazhdan-postaviat-na-voinskii-uchet>

*There are plans to change the list of automotive vehicles that can be transferred to the Army in the event of martial law being introduced. A new Defense Ministry order provides for registering all citizens' passenger cars. Monitoring of the "census" of cars will also be strengthened. It is expected that not only the State Inspectorate for Road Traffic Safety (GIBDD), [State Committee for Technical Oversight (Gostekhnadzor), and Russian Statistics Agency (Rosstat), but also the tax service, will forward information on road vehicles which are in legal entities' possession to the military...*

*The Defense Ministry has informed *Izvestiya* that the department has drafted a bill "On Making Changes to the Russian Federation Defense Minister's Order No 151 of 14 March 2014"...The requisition [mobilizatsiya] of private motor vehicles may begin only in the event of martial law being declared. It is introduced only in the case of external aggression or threat of attack by a foreign state...The document indicates that vehicles will be added to the military inventory of formations and military units which are formed for wartime purposes. In the event of requisition, preference will be given to homeland-produced off-road vehicles. First of all, to UAZ-469, UAZ-3151, UAZ-2966, and UAZ-3163 ("Patriot") automotive vehicles.*

*Requisitioned vehicles will not be dispatched to an area of combat operations. The draft order does not refer, either, to seizure of cars from their owners. Service personnel will be able to travel in civilian cars only until regulation vehicles arrive in the unit from reserve depots. The cars will then be immediately returned to their owners, and the owners will be paid compensation, which is calculated on the basis of the period of use by military personnel and of any damage sustained...The draft order also says that mobile compressor and electricity stations, as well as electric power supply plants, will now be subject to military registration. They will be needed by the Army for organizing base field camps and supplying power to weapon systems...*

*In the Soviet Union, a system of motor vehicle requisitioning existed whereby all vehicles that were in the inventory of state economic enterprises and private cars would be registered. In case of necessity, not only forest rangers' UAZs, but also various organizations' official Volgas, would have been dispatched to the Army. At present, under the Defense Ministry's 2014 order, buses, trucks, trailers, and tractors, for example, and other vehicles are subject to requisition.*

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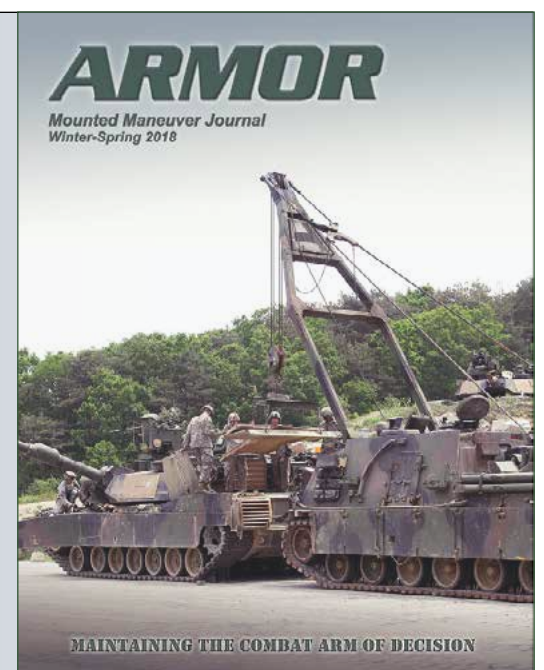
## Reconnaissance-in-Force Russian Style

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"Integrated fires, rapid detect-destroy systems and the controlled, merciless onslaught of smaller robot tanks and assault vehicles may rip through robust defenses to determine the true nature of the defense and prepare the main attack to totally dismantle it. To the Russian way of thinking, the reconnaissance-in-force remains a viable method of tactical intelligence. Learning how to employ it optimally is the current challenge."

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**Source:** Aleksandr Kruglov: “Для генералов создали Центр военных игр: Там можно потренироваться в развертывании фронта или проведении крупномасштабной войсковой операции (A Center for War Games Has Been Created for Generals: There They Can Train to Deploy a Battle Front or To Conduct a Large-Scale Military Operation),” *Izvestiya*, 31 July 2018. <https://iz.ru/770845/aleksandr-kruglov/dlia-generalov-sozdali-tcentr-voennykh-igr>

*The Center for Military Games (TsVI) has begun operation in the Armed Forces. It was created at the General Staff Military Academy base. The “players” will be generals -- the academy’s students. Here one can train to deploy a battle front or to conduct a large-scale military operation. The center is equipped taking the latest achievements in IT into account. The special simulator enables one to enact scenarios of real military conflicts. Experts believe that this will boost the efficacy of training the operational level leaders, starting with the combined-arms army command...*

*At the Center for Military Games, combat operations are modeled completely on a computer; this reminds one of a “strategy” game, where you can move virtual armies around. This will help academy students during command-post exercises to visualize tasks of operational deployment of troops and of conducting various-level operations with maximum authenticity.*

*The generals’ game differs from civilian simulators by its maximal authenticity. The Russian Army’s actually existing brigades and divisions represent the units in it. Databases on the adversary are formed on the basis of current reconnaissance information. The battle scenarios are developed taking the latest experience of military operations into account...The academy’s game center comprises training command posts of the strategic and operational-strategic command and control echelons. They are equipped with up-to-date computers. All the computers are connected into a single electronic network, which is linked with the Russian Federation National Defense Management Center’s networks.*

*Taking these data into account, various situations, including military conflicts and emergency situations, are enacted. Each student solves combat-training problems depending on his staff-post category. The system operates in several modes. In one of them, artificial intelligence is pitted against the person. There is also a two-sided drill mode, where students “fight” one another, the expert added...*



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