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Sanctions news: Russian group designated as global terrorists; British American Tobacco under investigation

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For the first time in history, the U.S. designated a white supremacist group as a terrorist organization.[1] The group, based in Russia, fell afoul of Executive Order 13886, which amended previous executive orders by including training to commit acts of terrorism under the list of violations. According to a statement released by Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, the Russian Imperial Movement "has provided paramilitary-style training to white supremacists and neo-Nazis in Europe and actively works to rally these types of groups into a common front against their perceived enemies. RIM has two training facilities in St. Petersburg, which are likely being used for woodland and urban assault, tactical weapons, and hand-to-hand combat training."

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