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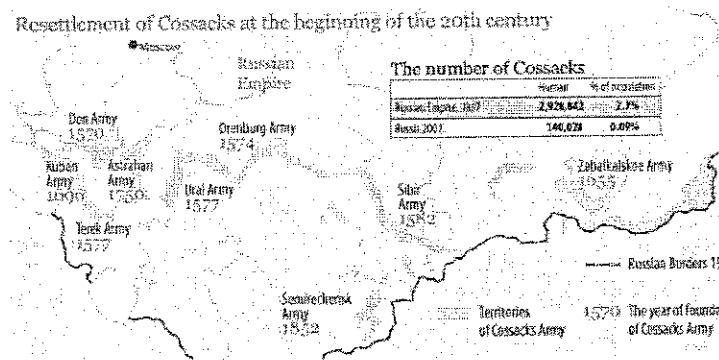
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Resettlement of Cossacks at the beginning of the 20th century



Year	Number	% of population
Russian Empire, 1869	2,928,843	2.7%
Russia, 2001	144,628	0.09%

A Don Cossack
 Cap. Wearing a hat was considered a great shame

Shoulder straps

Whip. A short horse whip

Stripes. Established in 1801

Sword. A blade length of 70-80 cm with a slight bend

Map Labels: Don Army (1820), Kuban Army (1830), Astrakhan Army (1859), Terek Army (1877), Orsk Army (1874), Ural Army (1877), Sibir Army (1892), Zhabitskoe Army (1933), Amur Army (1856), Usual Army (1806), Semirechensk Army (1852), Territories of Cossacks Army (1870), Russian Borders 1990, The year of foundation of Cossacks Army

Historical Context:
 In 14-17 cent. Cossacks formed as community of isolated settlements
 In 18 cent. Cossacks lost independence and transferred to the royal military service Russian Empire
 In the beginning of 20 century there were 11 Cossack armies
 After Revolution in 1917, as a result of Russification policy, Cossacks were almost exterminated
 From the end of 1980 attempts to revive Cossacks are taking. In 1998 series of laws restoring the status of Cossacks are accepted by government

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Cossack Brigades Take to Streets of Russia

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Up to 1,000 Cossacks are involved in the patrolling, 150 of them in the regional capital Krasnodar, Yuga.ru local news website said.

The uniformed Cossacks carry no weapons except for their whips, but are entitled to intervene against crime in progress, conduct document checks and detain suspicious people, Yuga.ru said on Saturday. Every patrol is accompanied by a police officer.

The Cossacks will be paid about 25,000 rubles (\$770) a month. The region has earmarked a total of 650 million rubles (\$2 million) to fund the patrols.

The idea of Cossack patrols was hatched by the region's controversial governor, Alexander Tkachyov, who said last month that they would provide a balance against "aliens", including natives of the neighboring North Caucasus republics.

The region, historically populated by ethnic Russians, has seen in recent years a steady inflow of economic migrants from the mostly Islamic regions of the North Caucasus, which resulted in ethnic tensions.

The Public Chamber, as well as independent local linguistic experts, have accused Tkachyov of fueling ethnic hatred, a criminal offense in Russia.

But Tkachyov said that he was actually trying to curb the tensions and that the Cossack campaign was only aimed against unlawful migrants bent on disturbing public peace.

A 2010 census showed the only one of dozens of North Caucasus nations with a significant legal presence in Krasnodar region, which has a population of 5.2 million, were the Adygs, who numbered some 14,000.

The Cossacks served as a special police force in tsarist Russia and were often deployed against street protests, which gained them much notoriety and made them the target of extensive repressions by the victorious Bolsheviks.