

GRU-ORDERED ARSON OF SLAVA UKRAINI RESTAURANT, TALLINN

On the night of 31 January 2025 Moldovan national Ivan Chihaial set fire to the Ukrainian restaurant Slava Ukraini in Tallinn after a trial arson at a store in Osula. The court found he was tasked by Russia's GRU.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

COURT FINDING

A court, the European Court of Human Rights or a judicial public inquiry has found that Russia or its agents were responsible.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

Harju County Court (settlement proceedings) convicted him on 2 July 2025 of arson on behalf of Russian special services (6.5 years); Estonian Prosecutor's Office stated the task came from the GRU.

LATEST

Convicted 2 July 2025; accomplice received 2.5 years (mostly suspended).

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

Targeted a Ukrainian restaurant, a symbol of support for Ukraine.

SOURCES

B Estonian Prosecutor's Office: Court sentenced Slava Ukraina restaurant arsonist to real imprisonment · 2025-07-02

<https://www.prokuratuur.ee/en/news/court-sentenced-slava-ukraina-restaurant-arsonist-real-imprisonment>

C ERR News: Arson attack on Ukrainian restaurant in Estonia ordered by Russian intelligence · 2025-07-02

<https://news.err.ee/1609735683/arson-attack-on-ukrainian-restaurant-in-estonia-ordered-by-russian-intelligence>

WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Treat sabotage on your territory as part of Russia's war against Ukraine and its supporters.
- Share evidence across borders; support Eurojust and joint investigation teams.
- Sanction the GRU units and recruiters behind the operations.

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