BEYOND UKRAINE · SABOTAGE AND ATTACKS

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ATTEMPTED ARSON AT THE DRONE MAKER THREOD SYSTEMS IN VIIMSI; ESTONIA BLAMES RUSSIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND MOVES TO CLOSE ITS BORDER CROSSINGS WITH RUSSIA

At 03:06 on 14 November 2026 attackers tried to break windows and pour flammable liquid into the premises of Threod Systems, a drone manufacturer in Viimsi near Tallinn. No one was injured, the company reported no significant damage, and production and deliveries were not affected. Eight residents of Latvia were detained. Estonia's Internal Security Service said Russia was behind the attempt and that it was coordinated by the GRU, Russian military intelligence. It is the second arson attempt on an Estonian defence company since August, after Milrem Robotics.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

OFFICIAL ATTRIBUTION

A government, a prosecutor, the EU, NATO or a UN body has formally named Russia, its services or its state-backed forces. This is a position of that authority, not a verdict.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

Estonia's Internal Security Service (KAPO), Director General Margo Palloson: "This was yet another attempt by Russia to carry out an act of sabotage in Estonia." Prime Minister Kristen Michal called it a "GRU-ordered sabotage attempt". The Prosecutor General asked the court to arrest five suspects.

LATEST

On 15 November Estonia's Foreign Ministry said all Estonian-Russian border crossing points will close as of 1 December; the court's decision on arrest of five suspects pending (15 Nov 2026).

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

Estonian defence companies targeted by the arson attempts produce drones and military robots; Milrem Robotics, hit in August, supplies Ukraine.

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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.