

# ALLEGED RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE PLOT TARGETING UKRAINIAN VETERAN IN FRANKFURT

German federal prosecutors charged three men (an Armenian, a Ukrainian and a Russian national) with acting for a Russian intelligence service by trying to lure a Ukrainian army veteran living in Germany to a Frankfurt café in 2024 to identify and surveil him. Prosecutors said the operation was presumably preparation for further intelligence operations, 'possibly even leading to killing'. The men were arrested in June 2024; trial began in December 2025.

UKRAINE EVIDENCE HUB  
BEYOND UKRAINE  
AS OF 15 OCT 2026

## DEGREE OF PROOF

### CHARGED

Suspects have been charged and Russian involvement is alleged by prosecutors; there is no verdict yet and the presumption of innocence applies.

## WHO ESTABLISHED IT

German Federal Prosecutor, indictment of 16 May 2025 (announced 28 May 2025): Vardges I. allegedly received the order from a Russian intelligence service in early May 2024 and recruited Robert A. and Arman S. Trial opened 9 Dec 2025.

## LATEST

Trial under way since December 2025; no verdict located as of Oct 2026.

## LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The target had fought in Ukraine's armed forces after February 2022.

## SOURCES

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<https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/05/28/germany-charges-three-with-spying-for-russia-with-possible-intent-to-kill-prosecutor-says>

**C** The Local Germany: Three suspected Russian spies face trial in Germany · 2025-12-09

<https://www.thelocal.de/20251209/three-suspected-russian-spies-face-trial-in-germany>

## WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Attribute jointly and publicly; raise it at the UN.
- Sanction the officers and units who ordered the operation, not only those who carried it out.
- Expel intelligence officers operating under diplomatic cover.

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