

EXPLOSIVE-LADEN DRONE AT LEIPZIG/HALLE AIRPORT

On the evening of 4 August 2026 a drone carrying explosives was found near a Ukrainian cargo aircraft at Leipzig/Halle airport and defused; the airport was closed for hours. On 1 September 2026 the German government formally blamed Russian state entities and closed the Russian consulate general in Bonn and the Russian House in Berlin.

UKRAINE EVIDENCE HUB
BEYOND UKRAINE
AS OF 15 OCT 2026

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

German Interior Minister Dobrindt and Foreign Minister Wadephul attributed the attempted attack to agents acting on behalf of Russian state entities (1 Sep 2026); the President of the European Council condemned 'Russia's attempted drone attack' the same day.

LATEST

Criminal investigation ongoing. Media investigations (Telegraph/Welt, 2 Oct 2026; Spiegel/The Insider, 8 Oct 2026) report GRU involvement and name suspects; no publicly confirmed charges or arrests found as of 15 Oct 2026. Russia denies involvement.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The drone was found next to a Ukrainian cargo aircraft (An-124).

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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.

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