

GERMANY ATTRIBUTES 'STORM-1516' ELECTION DISINFORMATION TO RUSSIA

On 12 December 2025, the German government stated that Russia had tried to influence the February 2025 federal election and German domestic affairs through the 'Storm-1516' disinformation campaign. It named the Moscow-based Center for Geopolitical Expertise and a further network as involved, both supported by the GRU.

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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

German Foreign Office spokesperson, government press conference, 12 Dec 2025, citing intelligence analysis. The Russian ambassador was summoned.

LATEST

Attribution announced in Dec 2025. Germany said not all of the evidence can be made public.

SOURCES

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WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Expose interference networks publicly and early.
- Sanction those who finance vote-buying and disinformation.
- Support the electoral resilience of targeted states.

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