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FOILED ARSON ATTEMPT ON STARLINK ANTENNAS AT DELSKA SITE IN VILNIUS

At about 02:00 on 18 October 2026 intruders tried to set fire to Starlink satellite antennas and a control unit at a Lithuanian company site in Vilnius where Starlink equipment is stored. Media name the site as the premises of data-centre operator Delska in Aukštieji Paneriai. Incendiary liquids and 3–10 litre containers were found at the scene. The attempt was prevented, and the National Crisis Management Centre said Starlink service was not disrupted. PM Mindaugas Sinkevičius called it attempted sabotage commissioned by Russia. The Criminal Police Bureau led the pre-trial investigation. On 27 October 2026 Lithuanian prosecutors named two men in their 20s living in Germany, one a Turkish-German and the other a Serbian-German dual national, as suspects on terrorism charges; both had been detained in Germany under European arrest warrants issued by Bulgaria over the Plana teleport arson.

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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

PM Mindaugas Sinkevičius (18 Oct 2026, LRT Radio): 'this was clearly an attempted act of sabotage or diversion'; 'it is already clear who commissioned it – it is the Russian side' (LRT English translation). Police Commissioner General Arūnas Paulauskas (19 Oct): 'A pretrial investigation is currently underway, conducted by the Lithuanian Criminal Police Bureau'; asked about detentions: 'Not yet.' Presidential national security adviser Deividas Matulionis said Russia was a likely suspect but responsibility had not been established. Lithuanian prosecutors (27 Oct 2026): two suspects charged with terrorism offences. Investigators have published no finding on who organised the attempt.

LATEST

29 Oct 2026: the Prosecutor General's Office announced terrorism charges against the two suspects, served on 27 Oct — forming and taking part in a terrorist group, entering the country for terrorist purposes and a terrorist act that could have had serious consequences. Nerijus Puškorius of the Vilnius regional prosecutor's office said investigators are also examining Russia's possible involvement in orchestrating these attacks (as reported by Militarnyi). Lithuania and Bulgaria both seek to prosecute the two men. The presumption of innocence applies.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

PM Sinkevičius said Ukraine uses part of the communications the antennas carry (media reports).

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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.