

POLISH SPY RING PLOTTING TO DERAIL UKRAINE AID TRAINS

A network of 16 foreign nationals, detained from March 2023, installed cameras to monitor rail and air hubs including Rzeszów and prepared to derail trains carrying aid to Ukraine. Prosecutors indicted them for espionage on behalf of Russian intelligence; on 19 December 2023 a Lublin court convicted 14 of them (1–6 years), with two tried separately.

UKRAINE EVIDENCE HUB
BEYOND UKRAINE
AS OF 15 OCT 2026

DEGREE OF PROOF

COURT FINDING

A court, the European Court of Human Rights or a judicial public inquiry has found that Russia or its agents were responsible.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

Polish Internal Security Agency (ABW) and prosecutors: indictment of 15 Nov 2023 for espionage on behalf of Russian intelligence and preparations to derail aid trains. Lublin District Court convicted 14 defendants on 19 Dec 2023 (1–6 years).

LATEST

14 convicted in Dec 2023 (appealable at the time); two defendants tried separately.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

Targeted rail transport of military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine via the Rzeszów hub.

SOURCES

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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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