

FIRE NEXT TO A STATE ARMS PLANT IN BRASOV: ROMANIA'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SAYS A SABOTAGE NETWORK COORDINATED FROM RUSSIA SET IT

On 14 September 2026 a fire broke out on the Carfil industrial platform in Braşov, next to CARFIL SA, a subsidiary of the state arms group Romarm; it also damaged the offices of several companies. On 26 October 2026 Romania's Intelligence Service (SRI) said it had identified a sabotage network coordinated from the Russian Federation that caused the fire. DIICOT prosecutors are investigating attempted acts of sabotage by three defendants, two Belarusian citizens and a Ukrainian citizen living in EU states, under European arrest warrants issued by the Bucharest Court of Appeal; two are held in Germany and the third was located in Poland.

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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

Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI), 26 Oct 2026: it identified "o reţea de sabotaj coordonată din Federaţia Rusă" ("a sabotage network coordinated from the Russian Federation") involved in causing the fire of 14 September 2026, and said the network's coordinators had given it targets including state and private weapons production facilities (as reported by Reuters, Ştirile ProTV and HotNews). DIICOT, 26 Oct 2026: investigation for attempted acts of sabotage; European arrest warrants issued in absentia.

LATEST

On 26 October 2026 a third European arrest warrant was issued for the defendant located in Poland; Romania is seeking the surrender of all three. The two held in Germany were arrested there, according to prosecutors, while preparing similar acts. Russia's embassy in Bucharest could not be reached for comment (Reuters).

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The target was Romania's state arms industry; the SRI said the network was also tasked with other military and industrial sites, and that other attempts this year targeted sites used to train Ukrainian forces.

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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.

