

RUSSIAN CYBERATTACK ON VIASAT KA-SAT NETWORK SPILLS INTO EU

About an hour before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, a cyberattack disabled terminals on Viasat's KA-SAT satellite network. Outages hit Ukraine and also several EU member states. The EU, UK and US attributed the attack to Russia in May 2022. The map point is a general marker for central Europe.

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

Declaration by the EU High Representative on behalf of the EU, 10 May 2022 ('conducted by the Russian Federation'), with parallel UK and US attributions.

LATEST

Attribution unchanged. The EU cites the attack as an example of spillover risk from attacks on Ukraine.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The attack was designed to disrupt Ukrainian command and communications at the start of the invasion.

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WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Attribute jointly and raise it in the UN Open-ended Working Group on ICT security.
- Use the EU cyber sanctions regime against the units responsible.
- Share indicators and support the resilience of critical infrastructure.

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