

# POLAND: PLOT TO KILL A US-UKRAINIAN CITIZEN ATTRIBUTED TO RUSSIA

Polish services, working with US authorities, detained a Russian man on 7 August 2026 who, according to Prime Minister Donald Tusk, had been recruited by Russian special services to kill a US citizen of Ukrainian origin in Warsaw. Tusk described it as the first case of someone acting on Russia's orders against an American citizen in another NATO country. Details of charges and the target have not been made public.

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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

PM Donald Tusk, press conference 13 Aug 2026: suspect recruited by Russian special services and ordered to 'carry out an execution'; target 'uncomfortable for the Putin regime'. Minister-coordinator of special services Tomasz Siemoniak: operation conducted with US services. Charges not detailed publicly in sources reviewed.

## LATEST

Suspect detained (Aug 2026); no public indictment located as of Oct 2026.

## LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The alleged target is a US citizen of Ukrainian origin.

## SOURCES

**B** PM Tusk statement, as reported by Kyiv Independent · 2026-08-13

<https://kyivindependent.com/poland-arrests-russian-man-for-alleged-assassination-plot-against-us-ukrainian-national-pm-tusk-says/>

**C** PBS NewsHour (AP): Poland says it thwarted Russian plot to kill an American citizen in a NATO country · 2026-08-13

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/poland-says-it-thwarted-russian-plot-to-kill-an-american-citizen-in-a-nato-country>

**C** CNN: Poland says it thwarted Russian plot to kill US citizen in Warsaw · 2026-08-14

<https://www.cnn.com/2026/08/14/europe/poland-russian-plot-american-intl>

## WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Attribute jointly and publicly; raise it at the UN.
- Sanction the officers and units who ordered the operation, not only those who carried it out.
- Expel intelligence officers operating under diplomatic cover.

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