

# Finland Says Can't Confirm Presence of Submarine in April

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A Russian kilo-class submarine.

The Finnish Border Guard said on Thursday it had not been able to confirm the presence of a suspected submarine near Helsinki last month.

In a rare incident, the military in April fired handheld underwater depth charges as a warning against what it suspected was a submarine in waters near the capital.

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The Border Guard completed its investigation on Thursday by saying that part of the detected underwater sounds had a natural explanation, but the presence of a submarine or other underwater activity could not be completely excluded.

Finland, which shares an 833 mile (1,340 km) border with Russia, has been increasingly worried about its powerful neighbor after a year of Russian air force sorties and military border exercises.

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