

# Russia Accuses Ukraine of Hijacking Crimean Fishing Vessel in 'Violation of International Law'

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Russian security services have accused Ukrainian border guards of hijacking a Crimean fishing vessel, calling the move a “flagrant violation of international law.”

Ukrainian border guards detained the Russian-flagged fishing vessel and its crew of 10 in the Sea of Azov on Sunday, March 25, on charges of illegally [crossing](#) the border. Russia annexed the Crimean peninsula from Ukraine in 2014, a move that was met with sanctions and widespread condemnation in the international community.

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The Crimea office of Russia’s Federal Security Service (FSB) has charged the State Border

Guard Service of Ukraine with hijacking over the incident, senior Crimean administration official Igor Mikhailichenko [told](#) the state-run TASS news agency on Wednesday.

The vessel's owner has appealed for Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to ensure the safety of its crew of Russian nationals, Interfax [reported](#) Tuesday.

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