

## **Belgian Intel Officer Is a Suspected Russian Spy, Reports Say**

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An officer in Belgium's military intelligence service is reportedly under investigation for spying for Russia.

The unnamed officer was accused of providing a Serbian national, who is suspected of being a Russian agent, access to classified information, Belgium's De Morgen newspaper <u>reported</u>.

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The case reportedly reflects internal tensions between intelligence and counterintelligence officers, as well as between older operatives and younger colleagues within ADIV, Belgium's VRT.be broadcaster <u>reported</u>.

"Instead of sharing information," the Belgian service's intelligence and counterintelligence

departments "keep it to themselves," the broadcaster said.

The report follows the EU's <u>estimate</u> that "about 250 Chinese and 200 Russian spies" operate out of their respective embassies and trade missions in Brussels.

*Correction: An earlier version of this article incorrectly named the accused intelligence officer as Clement Vandenborre.* 

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