

Russian Military Rolls Out 'Spy Rock' Robot

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Zvezda TV channel

Russian cadets have developed a spy robot disguised as a stone for positional warfare in conditions of sniper coverage, the Defense Ministry's Zvezda news channel [reported](#) Sunday.

Video of the camouflaged spy rock the size of a small pet showed it navigating grassy terrain on caterpillar wheels with a mini camera sticking out of its top.

"Due to its disguise and ability to change positions, it can come in handy in trench warfare," Zvezda wrote.

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The motion-sensor robot is reportedly activated at the slightest nearby movement.

According to Zvezda, the surveillance gadget has a 24-hour passive battery life with the ability to collect, process and transmit information for 15 hours.

A human operator must be within a 2-kilometer radius to operate the spy rock.

Zvezda reported that it took three years for students and professors at the Zhukovsky-Gagarin Air Force Academy in the southern Russian city of Voronezh to develop the surveillance stone.

Social media users were quick to [poke fun](#) at the unconventional invention, with several calling it revenge for “bombing Voronezh,” a common Russian expression.

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