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Russia Detains Suspected Ukraine Spy in Far East

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Russia's domestic intelligence agency has arrested a resident of the country's Far East on suspicion of spying for Ukraine, the state-run TASS news agency reported Wednesday.

"Acting on the instructions of the Ukrainian military intelligence, the Primorye region resident collected and transmitted information about the region's law enforcement agencies and military infrastructure," the Federal Security Service (FSB) said.

The unnamed suspect faces up to 20 years in prison on charges of high treason.

TASS, citing the FSB, did not indicate whether he confessed to the charges. But the agency said the suspect "was fully aware that the recipient [of the intelligence] could use it against the security of the Russian Federation."

Video shared by state media showed uniformed agents raiding a private property, apprehending its resident and displaying bottles wrapped in plastic resembling Molotov

cocktails.

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It was not possible to independently verify the FSB's claims.

The FSB has announced several arrests of suspected Ukrainian or pro-Ukrainian saboteurs and spies in recent weeks amid a marked increase in attacks on Russian soil.

Russian law enforcement authorities have stepped up random car inspections and announced a series of restrictions on drone flying after the incidents that exposed gaps in Russia's domestic security.

U.S. intelligence suggests that Kyiv has cultivated sabotage cells inside Russia, CNN reported this week.

Independent Russian media says the number of acts of sabotage inside the country has more than doubled so far in 2023.

This spring, the head of the FSB accused Kyiv and the West of recruiting young Russians to stage armed attacks in their home country.

Kyiv itself has not acknowledged any role in the attacks.

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