

# Estonia Slams New Russian Airspace Violation

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Estonia's Foreign Ministry on Monday said it had summoned the Russian Embassy's chargé d'affaires to lodge a protest after a Russian helicopter violated its airspace.

The Russian MI-8 aircraft entered the Baltic country's airspace on Sunday near the island of Vaindloo, in the Gulf of Finland.

Estonia's Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna [called](#) the event "another serious and regrettable incident."

"This is the third such incident this year" in Estonia, a NATO and EU member bordering Russia, which is a strong ally of Ukraine, the minister added on X.

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According to the Estonian defense forces, the helicopter entered the country's airspace for about four minutes without making contact with air traffic control.

It also did not have a flight plan, its transponder was turned off and it did not communicate with Estonian air traffic control.

Similar incidents occurred on May 13 and June 22.

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