

Russian Military Helicopter Briefly Entered Polish Airspace

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A Russian Mi-8 helicopter. **NASA / Bill Ingalls**

A Russian military helicopter made a brief incursion into Poland's airspace from the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad, Polish military officials said Wednesday.

The Mi-8 helicopter spent 42 seconds in Polish airspace and entered to a maximum depth of about 300 meters (328 yards), the Polish Army Operational Command said in a post on X.

"Fighter aircraft were scrambled, and ground-based forces and assets remained on standby. The nature of the incident indicates that Russia is once again testing the readiness of our air defense," it said.

Poland, a NATO member, is on heightened alert for any incursion into its airspace connected with Russia's war against neighboring Ukraine.

The Russian Embassy in Warsaw did not immediately reply to a Reuters request for comment

about the incident.

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