
NORTHERN EUROPE'S NEW NAVAL PRIORITY: SUBMARINE SABOTAGE

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After damage to a Baltic Sea pipeline, Western navies are deploying to the region in an effort to protect vulnerable infrastructure.

Finnish and British troops undertaking a routine naval training exercise on a recent winter morning will soon have a new priority: protecting undersea infrastructure.

Just east of the idling British support ship Mounts Bay – the base of the joint exercise, called Freezing Winds 23 – runs the Balticconnector pipeline, carrying gas between Estonia and Finland, which was ripped open in October. The likely culprit: the trailing anchor of a Chinese-flagged, Russia-bound commercial ship.

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