
GERMANY SUSPECTS SABOTAGE BEHIND SEVERED UNDERSEA CABLES

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German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius has said damage to two undersea cables in the Baltic Sea looks like an act of sabotage and a "hybrid action", without knowing who is to blame.

A 1,170km (730-mile) telecommunications cable between Finland and Germany was severed in the early hours of Monday, while a 218km internet link between Lithuania and Sweden's Gotland Island stopped working on Sunday.

The incidents came at a time of heightened tension with Russia and Pistorius said "nobody believes that these cables were cut accidentally".

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