Nord Stream Sabotage: The Secrets of Freya, a Special Forces Woman

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The sabotage of the **Nord Stream 1 and 2** pipelines, which occurred in September 2022, was not only the largest act of destruction of energy infrastructure in modern history but a masterpiece of clandestine engineering conducted with a surprisingly low budget of about **300,000 dollars**. At the center of this mission emerges the figure of **"Freya"**, the operative who defied the depths and international protocols.

The Profile of an Unconventional Agent

According to the reconstruction by *Wall Street Journal* journalist **Bojan Pancevski**, Freya was not just a team member but the psychological and operational key element.

- **The Past as Cover:** Research indicates that Freya, in her youth, had worked as a model in the adult film industry. This information, far from being a mere tabloid detail, represented the pillar of their **"cover story"**.

- **The Emergency Script:** In case of interception by maritime authorities, the group had an improvised film set ready. Freya was to play the protagonist of a submarine-themed movie, thus justifying the presence of cameras, lights, and professional underwater equipment on board.
- **Courage Under Pressure:** Pancevski describes her as the most daring of the group, capable of keeping calm during the delicate phases of placing explosives at critical depths.

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The Technical Challenge: A Feat on the Edge of the Impossible

The operation was conducted aboard the **Andromeda**, a modest sailing yacht model *Bavaria Cruiser 50* just 15 meters long. Despite the apparent simplicity of the vessel, the technical challenges faced by the team, and by Freya in particular, were extreme.

The action took place in the **Bornholm Basin**, where divers had to descend to a prohibitive depth between **70 and 90 meters**. At those depths, the pressure is crushing, and the risk of embolism or nitrogen narcosis is very high. For this reason, the team used a sophisticated breathing mixture known as **Trimix** (composed of helium, nitrogen, and oxygen), essential to maintain the mental clarity necessary to handle high-potential explosive charges.

The commando used **HMX** (octogen), an explosive much more powerful and stable than common TNT, placed with precision timers on the steel and concrete pipes of the pipeline. Operating from a sailing boat without a hyperbaric chamber on board was defined by experts as

a true "physiological madness," yet the crew — composed of about **six or seven people** including the captain, divers, a doctor, and assistants — managed to complete the mission without fatal incidents.

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The Geopolitics of Sabotage

Pancevski's book sheds light on the complex Ukrainian chain of command. The plan was reportedly born almost by chance in a bar, among officers and entrepreneurs. Although President **Zelensky** initially gave verbal consent, he later attempted to block everything under pressure from the **CIA**.

However, the then Chief of Staff **Valerij Zaluzhny** decided to proceed anyway, making the operation "autonomous" and politically deniable. Today, with Nord Stream 2 gutted at the bottom of the Baltic, Freya remains the symbol of a new form of asymmetric warfare: a handful of divers on a sailing boat capable of changing the energy balance of a continent.

> "*It was the most economical and devastating special forces action in history.*" — ***Bojan Pancevski***

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