



Russian Spies and Shadow War: Moscow's Secret Plan to Eliminate Europe's Defense Giants

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According to an investigation by the ***Financial Times***, a **secret hunt** and a **silent war** are sweeping across Europe. According to statements obtained from at least **five European counterintelligence agencies**, the **Gru** — Russia's military intelligence service — has reportedly set its sights on the **executives and managers of Europe's leading defense industries**.

A worrying escalation

This is not just espionage, but an unprecedented escalation: Moscow's agents are reportedly planning **targeted assassinations** of those leading companies that supply Ukraine with weapons and technology, breaking what had until now been considered a **taboo for Moscow's intelligence services**.

Russian military analyst Konstantin Sivkov explains the logic behind this strategy: since missiles such as the **Storm Shadow** and drone components used to strike Russia are manufactured or assembled in Europe, Moscow considers those supplying such systems to be **legitimate targets**.

A “Mossad-style” model and Europe’s response

European intelligence agencies are on maximum alert. The fear is that the Gru intends to replicate on European soil a **secret war** similar to the one once used by **Israel to eliminate Iranian nuclear scientists**.

For this reason, many executives involved in rearmament projects for Kyiv have been **placed under surveillance and protection**. In Germany, the domestic security agency (**BfV**) has recommended that companies assign their executives **dedicated bodyguard teams**. As highlighted by BfV chief Sinan Selen, Russia is reportedly planning **deliberate acts of violence** on European territory, also using **intermediaries and organized crime**.