

NATO to bolster Baltic military presence, after Christmas Day power cable cuts

NATO's Secretary General Mark Rutte pledged to send drones, frigates and aircraft to the region as he highlighted a concerted campaign of 'cyber-attacks, assassination attempts and sabotage.'

NATO will increase its military presence and technological innovation in the Baltic Sea to protect critical infrastructure from sabotage, the head of the transatlantic alliance said at a Helsinki Summit on Tuesday.

Safeguarding infrastructure "is of utmost importance," Mark Rutte told reporters, citing energy from pipelines and the 95% of internet traffic that is secured through undersea cables.

In the last two months alone, there's been damage to one cable between Lithuania and Sweden, another between Germany and Finland, and others between Estonia and Finland.

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