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Europol Report: New form of terrorism



State-sponsored terrorism is a new category in Europol's latest report on terrorist offenses in the EU for 2020 (European Union Terrorism Situation and Trend report TE-SAT)

The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) draws attention to the existence of a new form of terrorism, sponsored and implemented by states through secret services. In such a case, acts of terrorist violence are carried out even with the aim of intimidating and eliminating the diaspora living abroad, opposing the governments of states.

The report shows, among others the murders of people of Chechen nationality recorded in France, Austria and Germany and planned attacks on assemblies of Iranian minority whose activities is contrary to the interests of their countries of origin. The agency indicated that in 2020 the German Federal Prosecutor General accused the Russian citizen - Vadim K. of the murder of a

Georgian citizen of Chechnya in Berlin in August 2019. The indictment stated that the crime was committed on behalf of the government institutions of the Russian Federation. In order to commit the crime, the perpetrator used the possibility of free and unhampered movement through the Schengen Area. As Europol points out, for this purpose he travelled from Moscow via Paris to Poland, from where, after leaving the hotel in Warsaw, he went to Berlin, where he murdered a Chechen.

More information:

- <https://www.europol.europa.eu/activities-services/main-reports/european-union-terrorism-situation-and-trend-report-2021-tesat>
- <https://www.generalbundesanwalt.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2020/Pressemitteilung-vom-18-06-2020.html>

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