



A second German substation the same night, 3,000 MW off the grid

Turnow-Preilack took one 500-megawatt block offline. Bergheim, 500 km west and twelve hours later, took about 3,000 megawatts.

INCIDENT DETAILS • 5WH

Who Unidentified at both sites. Essen police lead the western inquiry, Brandenburg's LKA the eastern. No claim, no arrests, no attribution.

What A second deliberate attack on a transmission substation, short-circuiting high-voltage lines and disconnecting five RWE lignite units.

Where An Amprion substation at Rheidt, Bergheim, Rhein-Erft-Kreis, west of Cologne, about 500 km from Turnow-Preilack.

When About 20:00 on 1 September 2026, some twelve hours after the Brandenburg attack. Disclosed 2 September.

Why No motive established at either site. Both nodes feed lignite generation.

How A short circuit across high-voltage lines. Residents reported flashes and detonations; police declined to confirm reports that drones were used.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1 Sep, am Turnow-Preilack, Brandenburg

1 Sep, pm Bergheim, North Rhine-Westphalia

- 1 About 07:30 - fireball at Turnow-Preilack; one block trips
- 2 About 08:00 - double-digit devices found; LKA takes the case
- 3 About 20:00 - short circuit at the Amprion substation, Bergheim
- 4 Five RWE units disconnect, about 3,000 MW generating
- 5 Essen police rule out a technical defect and call it deliberate
- 6 NRW police say it is too early to link the two

IMPACT

- 4,200 MW of RWE capacity disconnected, about 3,000 MW of it generating at the time.
- Staged reconnection: 1,600 MW that morning, 1,000 MW later the same day, 1,600 MW by the weekend.
- General supply was not interrupted at either site and nobody was hurt at either.
- Two points on one national grid reached in a single evening, which is an argument available to any actor whoever made it.

ASSESSMENT, LESSONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is likely the two attacks are connected, on method, target class and interval. Police say it is too early; this band is Scorpius's judgement, not theirs.
- Connection is not attribution. Neither site has an actor, a claim or an arrest.
- The western attack worked on any operational measure: 3,000 MW against one 500-megawatt block, and a reconnection running to the weekend.
- At both sites the reported method - rockets in the east, drones in the west - is running ahead of what either police force has confirmed.