



Warsaw-Lublin: a line to Ukraine, cut

An IED cut the Warsaw-Lublin line - a route to Ukraine - with a second tampering site. No casualties, by design: calibrated to stay below the threshold.

INCIDENT DETAILS • 5WH

Who Actor - assessed as Russian intelligence services; two Ukrainian-national proxies fled to Belarus. Casualties - none.

What An IED destroyed track as a freight train passed; a second site tampered with rails and wires.

Where The Warsaw to Lublin line, near Mika and Pulawy - south-east of Warsaw, ~100 km from Ukraine.

When Night of 15-16 Nov 2025.

Why Disrupt an aid route to Ukraine and intimidate.

How An IED near Mika; damage reported the next morning.

IMPACT

- Physical: no casualties (by design); track, power and a wagon damaged.
- Operational: interference with an aid and materiel route to Ukraine, inside NATO.
- Reputational: critical transport attacked and the attacker slips away; a threshold probe.
- Adversary gain: calibrated intimidation kept below the casualty level that would force a response.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



- A** Aid route to Ukraine, ~100 km from the border
 - B** Two sites, one night, on the same line
 - C** Proxies identified, then flight to Belarus
- 1** Mika: IED destroys track
 - 2** Pulawy: brace across rails, wires down
 - 3** Driver reports damage; sabotage confirmed
 - 4** Two proxies identified; flee to Belarus

ASSESSMENT, LESSONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Calibration is the tell - real damage, no casualties: a deliberate ceiling.
- Linear infrastructure cannot be fenced - protect the critical segments, not every kilometre.
- Detection and speed beat perimeter - sensors, patrols, fast repair, attribution.
- Guard against the method and work the proxy-recruitment trail; treat it as one campaign.