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Armed Forces – Navy/RAF

[Royal Navy tracking Russian spy vessel in the Channel to keep UK safe - GOV.UK](#)

The UK are involved in maritime patrols and surveillance aircraft to bolster a NATO response after damage to undersea cables in the Baltic Sea and to protect UK waters.

A Russian spy ship has recently been tracked in the English Channel by a Royal Navy warship HMS Somerset - just weeks after it was found loitering over critical undersea infrastructure in UK waters. It follows a Royal Navy submarine surfacing close to Yantar, the Russian vessel, to warn it that it had been secretly monitoring its every move.

Britain is taking a leading role in countering the growing Russian threat to offshore infrastructure in European seas. The Royal Air Force will also provide aircraft to a new NATO deployment designed to increase the protection of offshore infrastructure in the Baltic Sea.

The UK has also activated Nordic Warden – an advanced new AI system to help monitor the Russian shadow fleet and safeguard undersea infrastructure. When this system detects a potential threat, it sends an alert to Joint Expeditionary Force partners or to NATO. The Royal Fleet Auxiliary, is a key element of the UK's strategy to safeguard offshore infrastructure, with its multi-role ocean surveillance ship, RFA Proteus, capable of deploying submersible drones to assess undersea cables and pipelines.

Prayer points:

- Please pray for God's strength, wisdom and grace to be with all UK Naval personnel who are involved in maritime patrols off UK shores, in the Baltic Sea and other areas of the world.
- Please pray for the safety of personnel away at sea for long periods of time, especially those in challenging and contested seas and waterways.
- Please pray that all threats, either above or under the water, will be found and brought to light before the intended damage can be done.