
NORD STREAM SUSPECT ACCUSES ITALY OF PRESSURE TO CONFESS

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A Ukrainian former military officer is on the 10th day of a hunger strike in an Italian prison, where he has accused the authorities of mistreating him to make him confess to blowing up Russia's Nord Stream gas pipelines under the Baltic Sea in 2022.

Serhiy Kuznetsov was detained in Italy in August on an arrest warrant from Germany.

In a letter shown to the BBC by his lawyer, Mr Kuznetsov says he is being treated as "criminal no.1", held in a high-security facility alongside suspected members of so-called Islamic State (IS or Isis). The BBC has contacted the prison, but it has not yet commented.

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