

# Danish premier 'can't rule out' Russian involvement in drone raid on airport

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Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen has said she did "not rule out" Russian involvement in the drones flying over Copenhagen airport that led to its closure, which she described as the "most serious attack to date" on the country's infrastructure.

The drones halted operations at the Nordic region's largest airport for several hours late on Monday. Nato and the EU yesterday blamed Russia's "irresponsible" behaviour in similar recent incidents with drones and fighter jets breaching their airspace. "I can't rule out that it is Russia," Frederiksen said.

"What we saw last night is the most serious attack to date on critical Danish infrastructure," she said. "It is clear that this fits in with the developments we

have seen recently with other drone attacks, violations of airspace and cyber attacks on European airports."

Oslo airport in Norway was also shut for a few hours after drones were spotted. Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre disclosed that Russian jets had breached Norway's airspace three times this year.

Flemming Drejer, head of the Danish intelligence service, also refused to rule out Russian involvement, calling the situation "extremely serious".

Danish police said they had seen several large drones — most likely piloted by a "capable actor". Authorities did not shoot down the drones because of their proximity to houses and passenger aircraft filled with fuel, police added.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on X he had spoken about "Russia's violations of the airspace of Nato member states, including on Sep-

tember 22 in Copenhagen", during a meeting with the IMF head in New York.

Vladimir Barbin, Russia's ambassador to Denmark, said the "suspicions against Russia are unfounded", adding: "The incident reveals a clear desire to provoke Nato countries into a direct military confrontation."

Europe is on alert after recent Russian incursions into Nato airspace, including in Poland, Romania and Estonia.

Poland and Estonia invoked Article 4 of the Nato treaty to start formal discussions with allies, and calls are growing from frontline states for clearer rules of engagement to shoot down Russian aircraft that enter the alliance's airspace.

Nato said the Russian fighter jets that breached allied airspace in Estonia last week were "part of a wider pattern of irresponsible Russian behaviour".

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