JIT Investigates Suspected Fraud and Bribery Involving NATO Vessels

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On 14 October 2026, Eurojust reported on a successful operation by a joint investigation team (JIT) involving law enforcement authorities from the United Kingdom, Norway and Romania. The investigation targeted a company suspected of fraud and bribery in connection with services provided to NATO military vessels. It concerns allegedly fraudulent invoices for logistical and other support services provided to NATO military vessels during port visits in North-Western Europe. The suspected losses to NATO member countries exceed €1 million, although the exact amount remains under investigation.

According to Eurojust, the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA), NATO's main provider of logistical and procurement services, identified suspected fraudulent invoices submitted by the company and its subcontractors. The allegations also concern the bribery of foreign public officials through an intermediary, allegedly in return for favourable treatment in the company's contractual dealings with the NSPA.

On 14 October 2026, authorities carried out simultaneous operations in Norway, Romania and Germany. Five suspects were arrested in Norway. In Romania, searches took place at company premises and private residences. In Germany, two business premises and one residence were searched on the basis of a European Investigation Order.

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