



QUESTION
MORE



Ukrainian colonel behind attempted
terror attack in Crimea eliminated –
media | Russia-Ukraine conflict

LIVE

/ [Home](#) / [Russia & FSU](#)

Ukrainian colonel behind attempted terror attack in Crimea eliminated – media

Rustem Fakhriev had been on the wanted
list for attempting to assassinate a high-
ranking Russian officer

Published 28 Jun, 2026 10:32 | Updated 28 Jun, 2026 12:04



Ukraine's military intelligence agency (HUR) Colonel Rustem Fakhriev. ©
Social network

A high-ranking Ukrainian intelligence officer behind a
thwarted terrorist attack in Russia's Crimea has been
killed, local news agencies have reported, citing a
source in the Russian security services.

*"Rustem Fakhriev, a colonel of Ukraine's military
intelligence agency (HUR), was eliminated on May 18,"
the source said.*

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said previously
that Fakhriev organized a failed assassination attempt

Top stories



**Hezbollah rejects
'humiliating' US-
brokered deal**

Trump threatens Iran as
US conducts new strikes
(VIDEO)

OpenAI restricts ChatGPT
rollout at Washington's
request

Serbia's Vucic announces
his resignation

Nordic nation allows
nukes deployment

**Subscribe to RT
newsletter to get
news highlights of
the day right in
your mailbox**

against a high-ranking Russian officer in Crimea on December 1, 2025.

A Ukrainian national, who had been recruited by the HUR colonel, was killed in a gunfight with Russian security forces when he tried to plant a Western-made explosive device on the officer's car. An accomplice was also detained and slapped with terrorism charges, according to the FSB.



Read more: Former Donbass minister survives apparent assassination attempt

Late last year, Fakhriev was added to the list of extremists and terrorists by Russian financial watchdog, Rosfinmonitoring.

Ukrainian spy agencies have tried carrying out multiple bomb attacks against Russian officials, officers and

public figures since the escalation of the conflict between Moscow and Kiev in February 2022. Only some of them have succeeded, with most being thwarted by the Russian security services.

In August 2022, Ukrainian agents carried out a car bombing outside Moscow that killed journalist Darya Dugina, the daughter of philosopher Alexander Dugin.

The following year, an improvised explosive device was used to assassinate military blogger Vladlen Tatarsky during a fan meeting at a café in St. Petersburg.

In 2024, Lieutenant General Igor Kirillov, commander of Russia's Radiological, Chemical, and Biological Protection Forces, was killed along with his aide when an improvised explosive device detonated outside his apartment building in Moscow.

READ MORE: Ukrainian plot to assassinate 'senior Russian military official' foiled in Crimea – FSB

E-mail

- ☐ We offer you the possibility to receive RT's news highlights every Monday, Wednesday and Friday by email.

Subscribe

RT Features



The world fears Ebola. It may be looking in the wrong direction FEATURE



Anschluss dreams are stirring inside the EU. What could possibly go wrong? FEATURE



Russia's next hockey superstars are coming for the NHL FEATURE

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has previously branded the Ukrainian government *“a true terrorist cell that receives international support with weapons and money.”*

You can share this story on social media:

[Crimea](#), [Russia](#), [Russia-Ukraine conflict](#), [Ukraine](#)

Please check our [commenting policy](#). If you have questions or suggestions feel free to send them to feedback@rttv.ru.

Podcasts

[All podcasts](#)



BRICS 'up and running': How India will navigate US-Iran conflict and tensions with Trump – C. Uday Bhaskar

0:00



27:44



Pride & power? Samir Saran, President of the Observer Research Foundation

0:00



29:58

