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## Kremlin says those behind Nord Stream blasts must be punished

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Gas bubbles from the Nord Stream 2 leak reaching surface of the Baltic Sea in the area shows disturbance of well over one kilometre diameter near Bornholm, Denmark, September 27, 2022. Danish Defence Command/Handout via REUTERS

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World must know the truth on Nord Stream - Kremlin

Kremlin: There must be an international investigation



Russia accuses investigation of cover up




MOSCOW, Feb 9 (Reuters) - The Kremlin said on Thursday the world should know the truth about who sabotaged the Nord Stream gas pipelines and that those responsible should be punished after an investigative journalist said U.S. divers blew them up at the behest of the White House.

A sharp drop in pressure on both pipelines was registered on Sept. 26 and seismologists detected explosions, triggering a wave of speculation about sabotage to one of Russia's most important energy corridors.

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In a blog post, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist Seymour Hersh cited an unidentified source as saying that U.S. **navy divers** had destroyed the pipelines with explosives on the orders of President Joe Biden.



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Reuters was unable to corroborate the allegations. The White House **dismissed** them as "utterly false and complete fiction". Norway's foreign ministry said the allegations were "nonsense".

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