

# U.S. Blew Up Russian Gas Pipelines Nord Stream 1 & 2, Says Former Polish Defense Minister

Der Spiegel says CIA warned German government of potential sabotage weeks ago

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A [former Polish Defense Minister](#), Radek Sikorski, has attributed to the United States the sabotage of two pipelines, Nord Stream 1 and 2, which carry natural gas from Russia to Germany. “Thank you, USA,” Sikorski [wrote](#) on Twitter. Sikorski was Minister of National Defense from 2005 – 2007 and served as Deputy Minister of National Defense and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, previously. He is currently an elected member of the European parliament.

Nord Stream 1 and 2 lie on the bed of the Baltic Sea. Nord Stream 2 was finished last year but Germany never opened it because Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24.

Thank you, USA. [pic.twitter.com/nALIYQ1Crb](https://pic.twitter.com/nALIYQ1Crb)

— Radek Sikorski MEP (@radeksikorski) [September 27, 2022](#)

Poland’s Secretary of State, Stanisław Żaryn, denounced Sikorski’s claim on Twitter as “Russian #propaganda,” calling it “a smear campaign against Poland, the US, and Ukraine, accusing the West of aggression against [#NS1](#) and [#NS2](#). Authenticating the Russian lies at this particular moment jeopardizes the security of Poland. What an act of gross irresponsibility!”

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— Stanisław Żaryn (@StZaryn) [September 27, 2022](#)

But it's not out of the realm of the possible that the U.S. is indeed behind the attack. President Joe Biden promised on February 7 to prevent Nord Stream 2 from becoming operational if Russia invaded Ukraine. "If Russia invades," said Biden, "then there will be no longer a Nord Stream 2. We will bring an end to it."

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— ABC News (@ABC) [February 7, 2022](#)

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