U.S. soldier assigned to NATO unit arrested in U.K.

Man suspected of espionage linked to Russia

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LONDON — A member of the U.S. Army assigned to a NATO unit was arrested Tuesday in England on suspicion of espionage related to Russia, counterterror police and other officials said. The arrest comes during heightened concern over threats to American forces stationed in Britain and tension between Moscow and much of Europe.

The 41-year-old man, who was not named, was arrested near Gloucester on suspicion of violating two sections of the National Security Act 2023: assisting a foreign intelligence service and obtaining or disclosing protected information.

He was serving in NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps at Imjin Barracks near Gloucester, according to a U.S. official, a senior NATO official and a British government official. The man is an officer, the U.S. official said. All three spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive military matters.

The Allied Rapid Reaction Corps is a multinational land unit within the NATO military alliance that is designed to quickly respond to crises or short-notice operations. According to the unit's website, it is made up of forces from 20 nations but is led by the British and based in Gloucester, where the U.S. soldier was arrested.

U.S. Brig. Gen. Sean Stinchon, commanding general of the Army's Counterintelligence Command, described the suspect as a senior soldier but offered no other details on his identity in a news release. Officials have not provided more information about the case.

The Metropolitan Police said its counterterror forces worked closely with the FBI and U.S. military. In the news release, FBI Director Kash Patel called it an "important arrest" dealing with allegations of espionage that are of "utmost concern" for the U.S. and its allies.

"This FBI has no tolerance for anyone who breaks their oath to the United States and whose actions endanger our national security and that of our partners," Patel said.

The suspect was in custody at a London police station, officials said. Searches were conducted at two locations in Gloucestershire, a county about 90 miles west of London.

Police said the arrest was not related to other counterterrorism investigations, indicating no connection with a suspected terror plot linked to Iran in September at a U.S.-run base in Britain, RAF Fairford, near Gloucester.

Nvidia and Jensen Huang face lawsuit from shareholder

Filing alleges investors misled about spy affair

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A shareholder has sued Nvidia and its CEO, Jensen Huang, accusing them of deceiving investors in their responses to media reports about Huang's affair with a purported Chinese spy that threatens national security.


Huang

The complaint comes after President Donald Trump said the FBI is investigating the affair, which Huang has acknowledged and apologized for. Trump said Monday that Huang told him he had no idea the person could be involved in espionage.

The affair, which is also being scrutinized by Nvidia's board, has raised concerns that Beijing is using nefarious means to gain access to Nvidia's cutting-edge microchips which power the development of artificial intelligence but face export restrictions to China.

The complaint filed Monday in a California court says the company misled investors about Huang's relationship with Alice Huang, who news reports said is suspected of working for Chinese intelligence, and the national security implications.

The news reports said that the Commerce Department was investigating Alice Huang's company, Singapore-based Megaspeed, on suspicions that it was helping to sidestep U.S. export restrictions blocking Nvidia chips from being sold to China. But Nvidia said then that its compliance team checked and determined that Megaspeed wasn't doing anything illegal.

But, according to the complaint, the statements were misleading because they were made when Jensen Huang was having an affair with Alice Huang, who is "suspected of seeking to help smuggle Nvidia products into China."

It accuses Nvidia and Huang of failing to disclose the affair and issuing false statements about Nvidia's relationship with Megaspeed, which posed a "material risk" to Nvidia's reputation and business prospects.

Nvidia didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

The complaint, filed by retail investor Mark Kistenmacher, seeks unspecified damages and a jury trial. It seeks to represent in a class-action lawsuit anyone who bought shares of Nvidia from Oct. 9, when The New York Times first reported about the pair socializing in Taiwan, until Sunday, when the company said it was investigating reports that Huang was the "target of a foreign intelligence effort."

Shares of Nvidia, one of the world's most valuable companies, fell $7.97, or 4.3%, on Monday, wiping out about $190 billion in market value. Shares continued falling Tuesday — they were down about 5.5% at market close.

"As a result of Defendants' wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous decline in the market value of the Company's securities, Plaintiff and other Class members have suffered significant losses and damages," the complaint said.

Had investors known the truth, they wouldn't have purchased Nvidia's shares "at the artificially inflated prices that they did, or at all," the complaint said.

The New York Times reported that U.S. intelligence determined that Alice Huang, a former executive of Megaspeed International, was gathering information for Beijing. Huang is a common Chinese surname and the two are not related.

Megaspeed bought more than $4.8 billion worth of Nvidia chips over the past two years, according to The Times.

Trump said in a White House briefing that the FBI is "looking into" the affair,





