UK spy drones secretly sent data to China

Surveillance drones used by Britain's elite special forces secretly sent data to an IP address in China, raising fears that Beijing has been attempting to spy on UK military activities

KRAKEN K3 SCOUT

Type: Unmanned surface vessel (USV)

Length: 8.4m

Max displacement 2,500kg

Range: 1,200km at 25 knots (45 km/h)

Endurance: 30 days



Camera: Chinese components found to be sending "heartbeat" communications – signals confirming device is online and functioning correctly

Antenna and sensor mast

Mission profile: Includes surveillance and reconnaissance, force protection, logistics, casualty evacuation and precision strike

Modular payload bay 600kg capacity

Access hatches

Integrated fuel tanks

Electrical and control systems: Allow for fully autonomous operation or remotely piloted missions

Hull: Composite construction, low radar and visual signature

Propulsion: Inboard diesel engine with stern drive – maximum speed of 55 knots (100km/h)

Vessel can operate on its own or as part of larger fleet

UK Ministry of Defence (MoD): Forced to remove internet access from cameras after discovery of breach, insists there is no evidence of sensitive data or systems being sent abroad

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