

# 85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS)

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## List

Type	Entity
List name	United Kingdom
Programs (1)	Cyber
Listed (1)	23.10.2020

## Names (11)

Last name/Name	85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS)
Full name/Name	85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS)
Type	Primary name

Last name/Name	GRU Unit 26165
Full name/Name	GRU Unit 26165
Type	Primary name variation

Last name/Name	Threat Group-4127/Iron Twilight
Full name/Name	Threat Group-4127/Iron Twilight
Type	AKA (also known as)

Last name/Name	STRONTIUM
Full name/Name	STRONTIUM
Type	AKA (also known as)

Last name/Name	FANCY BEAR
Full name/Name	FANCY BEAR
Type	AKA (also known as)

Last name/Name	Tsar Team
Full name/Name	Tsar Team
Type	AKA (also known as)

Last name/Name	Sofacy Group
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<b>Full name/Name</b>	Sofacy Group
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Sednit
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Sednit
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Iron Twilight
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Iron Twilight
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	APT28 (Advanced Persistent Threat)
<b>Full name/Name</b>	APT28 (Advanced Persistent Threat)
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Pawn Storm
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Pawn Storm
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

## Addresses (1)

<b>Country</b>	Russian Federation
<b>Postal code</b>	1

## Identification documents (2)

<b>Type</b>	Entity Parent Company: Russian Ministry of Defence
<b>Type</b>	Entity Type: Department within Government

## Notes (3)

The 85th Main Special Services Centre (GTsSS) (Unit 26165) of the Russian General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GRU), is involved in relevant cyber activity in that it has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting the commission, planning or preparation or relevant cyber activity, including the deployment of X-Agent malware. These activities undermine, or are intended to undermine, the integrity, prosperity or security of the United Kingdom or a country other than the United Kingdom.

The 85th Main Centre for Special Technologies (GTsSS) of the Russian General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GRU) - also known by its field post number '26165' and industry nicknames: APT28, Fancy Bear, Sofacy Group, Pawn Storm, Strontium - was involved in illegally accessing the information systems of the German Federal Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag) without permission in April and May 2015. The military intelligence officers of the 85th controlled, directed and took part in this activity, accessing the email accounts of MPs and stealing their data. Their activity interfered with the parliament's information systems affecting its operation for several days, undermining the exercise of parliamentary functions in Germany.

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## Historical data

### Names (13)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	GRU 85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS) (APT 28)
<b>Full name/Name</b>	GRU 85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS) (APT 28)
<b>Type</b>	Prime alias

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 18.07.2025 14:15)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	GRU 85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS) (APT 28)
<b>Full name/Name</b>	GRU 85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS) (APT 28)
<b>Type</b>	Primary name

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	APT28 (Advanced Persistent Threat)
<b>Full name/Name</b>	APT28 (Advanced Persistent Threat)
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Sofacy Group
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Sofacy Group
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Pawn Storm
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Pawn Storm
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Tsar Team
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Tsar Team
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Iron Twilight
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Iron Twilight
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
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<b>Last name/Name</b>	Sednit
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Sednit
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Threat Group-4127/Iron Twilight
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Threat Group-4127/Iron Twilight
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Stronitium
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Stronitium
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Fancy Bears
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Fancy Bears
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 18.07.2025 14:15)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Fancy Bears
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Fancy Bears
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 18.07.2025 14:15)
<b>Last name/Name</b>	Stronitium
<b>Full name/Name</b>	Stronitium
<b>Type</b>	AKA (also known as)

## Addresses (1)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Country</b>	Russian Federation
<b>Postal code</b>	1
<b>Full address</b>	Komsomol'skiy Prospekt 20 Moscow 119146 Russian Federation

## Identification documents (2)

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Type</b>	Org Type: Department within Government

<b>Status</b>	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
<b>Type</b>	Parent Company: Russian Ministry of Defence

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