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## **CZECH LEADER DOWNPLAYS RUSSIAN BOMB ATTACK**

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The Czech government has downplayed the significance of Russia's lethal attack on a Czech weapons depot in 2014, but further retaliatory measures, including at EU level, could follow.

"It was not an act of state terrorism. [Russian] agents attacked the goods of a Bulgarian arms dealer, who probably sold them to parties fighting against Russia. The ammunition was to explode along the way [to the warehouse]. But it is, of course, unacceptable that they carried out this operation here, which they messed up," Czech prime minister and business tycoon Andrej Babiš said on TV on Monday (19 April).

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