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Did a specialised criminal organisation steal solar panels from photovoltaic installations?

MADRID - In a significant breakthrough, the Guardia Civil has apprehended six individuals in Madrid and Palencia for their alleged involvement in a specialised criminal organisation dedicated to stealing solar panels from photovoltaic installations.

Are solar panels being stolen in the UK?

That figure - reported by Detective Superintendent James Taylor, head of UK serious organized acquisitive crime unit Opal - included a rise in small-scale theft of solar panels as rising energy bills and the cost-of-living crisis bite. And the UK experience is far from unique.

Is there a rise in solar theft in 2021 & 2022?

Cable theft Taylor, presenting at a Solar Crime Open Day event organized by site security company DeterTech and London-based asset manager Schroders, reported a 48% rise in cabling and solar panel theft from solar sites between 2021 and 2022.

How much does a solar theft cost?

Strecke says European solar thefts typically cause EUR60,000 (\$63,900) of damage, when repairs and loss of business are factored in. "Solar crime is on the increase," says Rachael Oakley, director of crime intelligence at Telford-based DeterTech, formally known as SmartWater Group thanks to its product-marking technology.

The European Solar Charter, signed on 15 April 2024, sets out a series of voluntary actions to be undertaken to support the EU photovoltaic sector.

In 2023, the solar photovoltaic sector in the EU and globally saw the prices of the panels plummet from ca. 0.20 EUR/W to less than 0.12 EUR/W. This unsustainable situation is weakening ...

Beyond the financial toll, solar panel theft and vandalism can have detrimental effects on the environment. The disruption in renewable energy production can undermine efforts to reduce ...

The growth of solar energy has led to a surge in solar panel and cabling theft, driven by the rising value of metals like copper. Photovoltaic farms, ...



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Several instances of solar panel theft have been reported, including an incident at Gateshead International stadium as well as a larger incident in 2021 in which 221 solar panels were stolen from ...

Solar energy is one of the world's most abundant and easily accessible sources of renewable power. But how well do you know it? Several distinct technologies harness the sun's ...

The renewable energy directive is the legal framework for the development of renewable energy across all sectors of the EU economy, and supports cooperation across EU countries.

This Commission department is responsible for the EU's energy policy: secure, sustainable, and competitively priced energy for Europe.

ar panels were stolen from a solar farm. Solar panel theft is the primary issue, although some landowners report that it isn't just the panels themselves that are st

In 2024, the EU output of photovoltaic electricity accounted for 11% of the EU's gross electricity output, according to Ember. Continued growth in the solar energy sector is expected in the coming decades, ...

Solar photovoltaic (PV) panel theft has surged 240% globally since 2022, according to the 2024 Renewable Energy Security Report. Just last month, Chinese authorities recovered ¥600,000 ...

A major theft of 38 solar panels in Manzanillo, Cuba, highlights a growing national problem. Discover the details of these crimes and what ...

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When the UK police visited an address in Staffordshire they suspected of harboring solar panels stolen from a Worcestershire site in 2019, ...

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