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Disinformation and sabotage hit a Latvian city

In the Latvian city of Saulpils, a series of attacks on the critical infrastructure happened earlier today, leading to major disruptions. The entire central part of the city experienced a lasting power outage, while an act of sabotage on the Riga-Saulpils railway disrupted train traffic. 'The combination of sabotage, disinformation and cybersecurity breaches points to a Russian hybrid operation,' said Andris Bitāns, a military expert from the Latvian think tank HybridWatch.

The blackout caused several road accidents as the street lights do not function. The power cut was accompanied by a disinformation campaign on social media. The Saulpils city council is making efforts to put the situation under control.