



Results of photovoltaic panel theft cases



Overview

Just this March and April (2025), the UK has seen a “significant rise” in crime at UK solar projects, with 11 reported incidents compared with just three reported in February. A significant theft has disrupted the renewable energy sector in Manzanillo, Granma, where local authorities reported that 38 photovoltaic panels and 20 steel beams were stolen from a solar park. The panels were taken from a facility in the southern part of the city, near an area known as La Mocha. In this article, we delve into Operation Solarpa. According to Spotter Global, theft from solar farms was expected to rise throughout 2024, with growing demand for panels making them both easier to sell and more valuable to steal. If the government decides to impose these taxes on the country's primary sources of solar panels, the resulting stress on the supply chain could be significant. Across the solar industry, we are seeing an increasing number of reported thefts from solar farms.



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