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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. 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. This certainly seemed to be the case, as between January and August 2024, there were at least 70 reported offences. With copper prices rising, inflation driving up the cost of living, and organized criminal gangs stepping up operations in the United Kingdom and across Europe, solar project owners need to be more conscious than ever of security. A DeterTech PID360 (perimeter intrusion detector) CCTV unit. The panels were taken from a facility in the southern part of the city, near an area known as La Mocha. Solar plant theft is an increasing problem for the solar industry. Since 2011, solar panel prices and installation fees have decreased.

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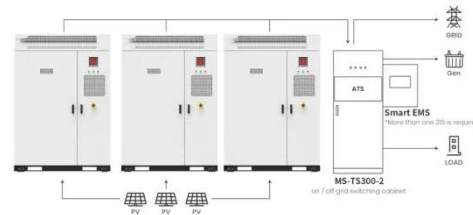
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