

# Latest cases of stolen photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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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. 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. What's less inspiring is the growing rash of solar panel theft (as well as the theft of other solar farm. Stolen solar panels are winding up on eBay and Craigslist where unwitting customers quickly buy them up, making themselves complicit in the crime.

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To effectively combat solar panel theft and vandalism, it's crucial to understand the nature of the threat and the motivations behind these criminal activities.

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Unfortunately, what should be a virtuous initiative is giving rise to a new crime wave, with police data showing a staggering 48% rise in solar panel and cabling theft from 2021 to 2022.



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