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Ukrainian drone strikes kill two children in Russian city – governor

The victims of the attack on the port of Tuapse were aged five and 14, a senior regional official has said

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Two children have been killed and two other people injured in a Ukrainian drone attack on Russia's Black Sea port of Tuapse, a senior regional official has said. The victims were aged five and 14.

Krasnodar Region Governor Veniamin Kondratyev wrote on Telegram on Thursday that an apartment block and five houses



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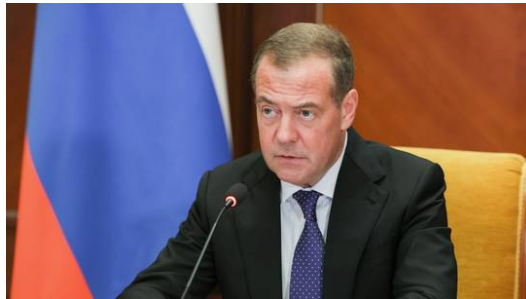
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were damaged in what he described as “a massive UAV attack.”

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Kondratyev added that “many fragments” fell on unnamed industrial sites near the city’s seaport, while drones also damaged a house in the village of Loo, outside Sochi.



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Telegram news channels reported drone attacks on other cities along the coast, including Anapa, Gelendzhik, and Sochi, which hosted the 2014 Winter Olympics. Ukraine has frequently targeted port infrastructure and energy facilities, as well as tankers and cargo ships.

Russia has accused Ukraine of using Western-supplied weapons and equipment, including drones, to target civilians. On Wednesday, the Russian Defense Ministry released what it said was a list of European companies involved in manufacturing military drones for Kiev.

“Instead of strengthening the security of European states, the moves of European leaders are increasingly dragging these countries into the war with Russia,” the ministry said.

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Russian security chief issues drone attack warning to four NATO states

Sergey Shoigu has cautioned Finland and the Baltic states against allowing Kiev to use their airspace for attacks on Russia

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Russia has the right to retaliate if Finland and the Baltic states are found to be deliberately allowing Ukrainian drones to pass through their airspace, Security Council Secretary Sergey Shoigu warned on Thursday.

“Recently, there has been an increase in Ukrainian drone strikes against Russia via Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia,” Shoigu told journalists. *“As a result, civilians are suffering and significant damage is being caused to civilian infrastructure.”*

Either Western air defenses are proving ineffective, or these four countries *“deliberately provide their airspace, thereby becoming open accomplices in aggression against Russia,”* he added. In the latter case, Moscow has the right to self-defense in response to an *“armed*



Russian National Security Council Secretary Sergey Shoigu, Moscow, Russia, February 5, 2026. © Aleksey Mayshev/RIA Novosti



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attack” under Article 51 of the UN Charter, the security chief stressed.

In recent weeks, Kiev has intensified drone strikes on Russia in what Moscow has characterized as *“terrorist attacks,”* with the Russian military regularly reporting hundreds of UAVs downed in a single night.

Late last month, Kiev attacked Russia’s Baltic Sea ports of Ust-Luga and Primorsk with swarms of UAVs. The raids resulted in fires in both towns, which house extensive petrochemical infrastructure.



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Kremlin aide Nikolay Patrushev said he believed that Finland and the Baltic states were *“complicit in these crimes.”* The provision of national airspace for Ukrainian drone strikes would *“signify direct NATO participation”* in attacks on Russia, he said Monday.

Multiple Ukrainian drones have also struck the territories of Finland and the three Baltic states since early March. Despite this, all four nations have avoided condemning Kiev outright for violating their airspace.

Moscow has already formally warned Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia against allowing Ukraine to send drones via their territory, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said last week. *“If the regimes in these countries are smart enough, they will listen. If not, then they will have to deal with the consequences,”* she said.

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Russia strikes Ukrainian military and energy sites after Kiev kills children – MOD

An overnight Ukrainian drone raid killed two minors in the Russian Black Sea port city of Tuapse

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The Russian armed forces carried out mass strikes on Ukrainian military and energy sites on Thursday in response to a drone attack that killed two children in the country's Krasnodar Region, the Defense Ministry in Moscow has said.

Russian strikes hit facilities involved in the production of cruise missiles and medium- and long-range UAVs, the MOD said in a statement on Thursday, adding



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that energy infrastructure sites used to support Ukraine's military were also targeted.

"In response to terrorist attacks by Ukraine against civilian targets on Russian territory, a mass strike has been carried out over the past day using long-range precision weapons launched from land, air, and sea, as well as strike drones," the ministry statement read.

"The objectives of the strikes have been achieved. All designated targets have been hit," it added.

The strike followed a Ukrainian drone attack on the Russian Black Sea port city of Tuapse, in which two children aged five and 14 were killed.

Ukrainian UAVs also targeted other coastal cities in Russia's southern Krasnodar Region, including Sochi, which hosted the 2014 Winter Olympics, and Dagomys, Governor Veniamin Kondratyev said. An apartment block, a kindergarten, and five houses were damaged in what he called a "massive" drone assault.

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Ukraine also attacked a Liberian-flagged oil tanker in Russian territorial waters, injuring the vessel's captain, a Turkish national, who has been hospitalized, Russia's Investigative Committee announced on Thursday.

Ukraine has frequently targeted Russian port infrastructure and energy facilities, as well as tankers and cargo ships.

Russia has accused Kiev of using Western-supplied weapons to target civilians, with the Russian Defense Ministry on Wednesday [releasing a list](#) of European companies it said are involved in manufacturing military drones for Kiev.

The ministry stated that, rather than strengthening the security of European states, the actions of some of the continent's leaders were increasingly dragging their countries into a war with Russia.

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Former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev warned the European nations on the list that the facilities are “*potential targets*” for the Russian armed forces.

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