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Ukraine strikes Donetsk with Storm Shadow missiles – governor (VIDEO)

At least eight civilians, including two minors, were wounded in the strike, Denis Pushilin has said

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Ukrainian forces launched a major missile strike on Donetsk, the capital of Russia's Donetsk People's Republic (DPR), on Wednesday, damaging residential buildings and civilian infrastructure, regional head Denis Pushilin has said.

The strikes targeted several locations in the east of Donetsk, with most of the casualties reported near the Donetsk-City mall. The Western-supplied munitions used included the Anglo-French Storm Shadow/SCALP-EG missiles, according to Pushilin.



At least eight civilians, including two minors, were injured in the strikes near the mall, while another man was

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wounded by the detonation of an unexploded ordnance piece at another location, Pushilin said.



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Two other civilians were wounded in the Ukrainian attacks elsewhere in the DPR, the governor added. A total of eight residential buildings, 11 civilian infrastructure sites, and multiple cars were damaged in the attacks across the city and beyond, he said.

An RT crew filmed the aftermath at one of the strike sites near the Druzhba sports center in Donetsk. The building, which belonged to a long-defunct research institute, partially collapsed after apparently being hit by multiple projectiles, while residential buildings nearby sustained minor damage, footage shows.

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The Russian Investigative Committee has launched a probe into the attack, with operatives working at the affected locations to collect evidence and assess the damage.

“During the inspection of the scene, it was established that the massive attack resulted in extensive damage and destruction to apartment buildings, civilian infrastructure, and passenger vehicles. The enemy targeted civilian areas of the city, where there was no weaponry or military equipment,” an operative with the committee has said.



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Russian Ambassador-at-Large Rodion Miroshnik linked the attack to the recent [pledge](#) by British Prime Minister Andy Burnham’s government to share secret Storm Shadow technology with Ukraine.

“Ukrainian terrorists are like junkies,” the diplomat, who leads a Foreign Ministry mission for tracking war crimes in the Ukraine conflict, said on social media. *“If they get their hands on something, they want to use as soon as possible, usually in the worst possible way for others.”*



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Earlier in the day, the Ukrainian military conducted a deadly drone strike on an intercity passenger bus in the neighboring Lugansk People's Republic (LPR). The attack killed at least nine civilians and injured another five, according to local governor Leonid Pasechnik.

Kiev has stepped up long-range attacks against Russia in recent weeks, repeatedly targeting its energy and civilian infrastructure. Moscow has condemned the strikes as indiscriminate terrorist attacks and has mounted a retaliatory campaign, which has already resulted in heavy damage to Ukrainian military-related industrial sites, as well as brought the country's maritime traffic to a halt.

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