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Drone-watching: How Ukraine keeps hitting its EU backers

Over the past three months, Ukrainian UAVs have fallen in Finland, the Baltic states, Greece, and Romania, and killed five Azerbaijani citizens in the Sea of Azov

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Ukraine has launched hundreds of long-range drones at Russia, with many targeting civilians and critical infrastructure, including oil terminals – and a significant portion of EU members have cheered on the strikes.

However, as the pace of the attacks has surged, Ukrainian drones are now increasingly hitting neighboring countries that provide military assistance to Kiev. The incidents, stretching from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, have left Kiev issuing a litany of apologies – although with no indication that it plans to scale back its drone campaign.

Most EU governments have declined to formally condemn Ukraine – instead blaming the incidents on Russia and its electronic warfare defenses.

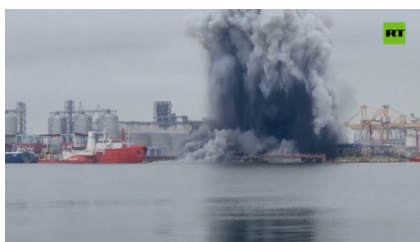
In late May, Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson called on NATO members to help Ukraine “direct” its attacks “in the right directions,” while Poland has urged Ukraine to “be more precise.” Russia has stated that NATO is a direct participant in the Ukraine conflict.

RT recounts the recent incidents of Ukrainian drones hitting the wrong targets.

1 June 5: Blast in Romania’s largest port

A Ukrainian naval drone exploded near an oil terminal in Constanta, Romania’s largest port in the Black Sea, with three more detonating offshore. Kiev has confirmed that the drones belonged to the Ukrainian navy, claiming that it lost control of the devices.

No casualties were reported, with the local authorities scrambling to evacuate the area. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen called the incident a “direct consequence” of the Ukraine conflict, while sidestepping the question of Ukrainian accountability.



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The response was a far cry from Romania’s response to an incident on May 29 when it claimed that a Russian UAV carrying explosives crashed into an apartment block in Galati, Romania, injuring two people. Moscow has said that Bucharest did not provide any evidence for the claim.

However, the Romanian government ordered the closure of the Russian Consulate in Constanta and declared the consul general persona non grata.

2 June 5: Ukraine kills five Azerbaijani nationals

Five Azerbaijani crew members were killed and three others wounded

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when Ukrainian drones struck two dry cargo ships in Russia's Taganrog Bay in the Sea of Azov. The two vessels – the MV Natra and MV Zirkon – were traveling from Türkiye to the Russian port of Rostov-on-Don to load grain when they came under attack. Ukraine's drone forces commander, Robert Brovdi, confirmed the strikes, alleging that the grain was illegal and that the vessel was also carrying military cargo and fuel.



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The Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry did not assign responsibility, saying the vessels were not state-owned and that the sailors were working aboard them voluntarily with private contracts.

Russia said the incident *“once again proves the terrorist nature of the Kiev regime that increasingly targets civilians.”*

3 May 19: NATO shoots down Ukrainian drone over Estonia

A NATO fighter jet shot down a Ukrainian drone over southern Estonia after the UAV entered from Russian territory. The debris fell in a marshy area near the village of Kablakula without causing any casualties or property damage. Estonian Defense Minister Hanno Pevkur said the drone was *“most probably meant to hit some Russian targets.”*

The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry issued a formal apology to Estonia and other Baltic nations over what it described as *“unintended incidents,”* while assigning blame to Moscow.

“Russia continues to redirect Ukrainian drones into the Baltics with the use of its electronic warfare,” it said.



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4 May 15: Ukrainian drone incursion in Finland

Finland temporarily closed Helsinki-Vantaa Airport on May 15 after a suspected drone incursion was detected, with nearly 2 million residents in the southern part of the country receiving emergency instructions.











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While Finnish officials did not initially say which country the UAV belonged to, Helsingin Sanomat reported this week that the emergency measures were prompted by a warning from Ukraine, which said it accidentally sent drones carrying explosives toward Finland.

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5 May 7: Ukrainian drones topple a NATO government

On May 7, two Ukrainian drones crossed into Latvian airspace from Russia and struck an empty fuel depot in the city of Rezekne, around 40 km from the Russian border, with no casualties. Then-Defense Minister Andris Spruds at the time called the incident regrettable but understandable.

Prime Minister Evika Silina later demanded Spruds' resignation, saying he *"lost the trust of the public"* and that *"the drone incident clearly demonstrated that the political leadership of the defense sector has failed to fulfill its promise of safe skies over our country."*



Later that month, Spruds' party withdrew from the coalition, and Silina herself resigned, leading to the collapse of the government.

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6 May 7: Ukrainian drone crashes near Greek tourist island

In early May, Reuters reported that a local fishing vessel discovered a Ukrainian-made sea drone near the island of Lefkada in the Ionian Sea. The Greek authorities later confirmed that the UAV was Ukrainian and lodged a diplomatic protest.



The drone, Athens said, *"seriously endangered maritime traffic and could have caused casualties among innocent citizens [and] incalculable environmental damage."*

In response, Kiev apologized, attributing the incident to *"circumstances brought about by ongoing Russian aggression."*

Read more: Greece investigating Ukrainian sea drone – Reuters

7 March 29-31: Ukrainian drones come down in Finland

Two Ukrainian drones crashed near the southern Finnish city of Kouvola on March 29, with one confirmed to have carried an unexploded warhead. Two days later, a third Ukrainian drone was subsequently found on the ice of Lake Pyhajarvi near the Russian border, also carrying a suspected warhead.

Defense Minister Antti Hakkanen said Finland takes the issue of stray Ukrainian drones *"very seriously."* Kiev once again apologized and attributed the deviations to Russian jamming.

Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky and Finnish President Alexander Stubb spoke by phone, though Stubb's office confirmed that scaling back

Ukrainian strikes near Finnish territory was not discussed.

8 March 23-25: Ukrainian drones crash-land in all three Baltic states

On March 25, Estonia and Latvia both reported drones entering their airspace from Russia. In Estonia, a drone – later identified as Ukrainian – struck the chimney of a power station in the northeastern village of Auvere.

The same morning, a second Ukrainian drone entered from Russia and crash-landed in the Latvian village of Dobrocina, and two days prior, another Ukrainian drone crashed into Lake Lavysas in the Varena district of Lithuania. The Baltic authorities concluded that the drones were targeting Russian oil infrastructure in the region and veered off course due to electronic warfare measures.

Bottom line

The long string of incidents involving Ukrainian drones – often carrying explosives – typically follows the same pattern: Kiev apologizes and blames Moscow, while EU capitals nod along or turn a blind eye.

There have also been no calls to revisit the assistance Western countries provide Ukraine, despite the aid evidently contributing to the raids, which have the potential to kill EU citizens.



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This is amusing, if Russian forces manages to redirect Ukrainian drones heads should fall in Ukraine and russian generals should have a field day laughing

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No laughing is russia as russia now gets bombed daily like a 3rd world nation.

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Putin kid gloves paying dividends, and the Russian people can't figure out that Putin is their enemy

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Nobody is laughing but explain your hate against Russia? Have you been there and met the people or is your hate filled head cavity stuffed with EU and US propaganda?

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You are old account and same whining like a baby for sure..HAHAHA


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What Third World nation is currently being bombed?

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 **Yuri Gagarin** 6/7/2026 at 1:58 AM -1

Ukraine has launched an unprecedented wave of long-range

drone strikes deep inside Russian territory, heavily targeting St. Petersburg and southern energy infrastructure. The attacks, traveling over 1,000 kilometers from the Ukrainian border, specifically targeted military arsenals, naval facilities, and oil infrastructure. They directly overlapped with Russia's premier international investment event, the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum.

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If I have to explain this you are not worth the time. Educate yourself or continue to be called a low iq russian orç

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I'd be proud

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RT is eerily quiet about multiple successful drones attacks on Leningrad, RF second largest city and former capital. Where is rf vaunted AD?

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 **Johan De Kuijper** 6/7/2026 at 1:05 PM ↑ 1

a significant portion of the EU countries are shearing, but they absolutely do not represent the inhabitants. most inhabitants are fiercely opposed to the taxes going to Ukraine, the war against Russia and Iran.

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J **Jim Davies** 6/7/2026 at 12:32 PM ↑ 0

"EU governments... [are] blaming the incidents on Russia and its electronic warfare defenses."

Could Russian electronic warfare defenses really be that smart? If so, are they smart enough to produce a boomerang effect, by which Uke drones would be turned around to land on their launch pads?

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E **Ehsan Harati** 6/7/2026 at 7:30 AM ↑ 0

Russia should target grain and wheat export from Ukraine and China should ban export of TSMC chips from Taiwan the the US and EU backups of war would show itself!

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EU countries' leaders do not condemn anybody, except Russia. Ucraps may bomb London tomorrow and blame Russia for this.

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 **Damian Hellson** 6/7/2026 at 4:33 AM ↑ 0

Romanian unelected president Nicusor Dan made a stupid statement ,he acknowledged that Ukraine hit the port of Constanta with a naval drone, but he put the sole blame of Putin because he is the aggressor prolonging this war against Kiev, the majority of Romanians doesn't buy this argument anymore.

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