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Russian MOD confirms strikes on Ukrainian military facilities: What we know so far

A malfunctioning Patriot interceptor fired by Ukrainian air defense forces has struck a historic monastery in Kiev, Moscow says

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Russian forces have carried out long-range attacks on military-industrial facilities in three major Ukrainian cities, as well as airfields and conscription offices, the Defense Ministry in Moscow announced on Monday morning.

The strikes involved drones and missiles fired from air-, land-, and sea-based platforms, the ministry said, adding that all designated targets were hit.

In a more detailed follow-up statement, the Russian military said a total of 16 industrial targets were hit, including a plant producing drone warheads and boosters for



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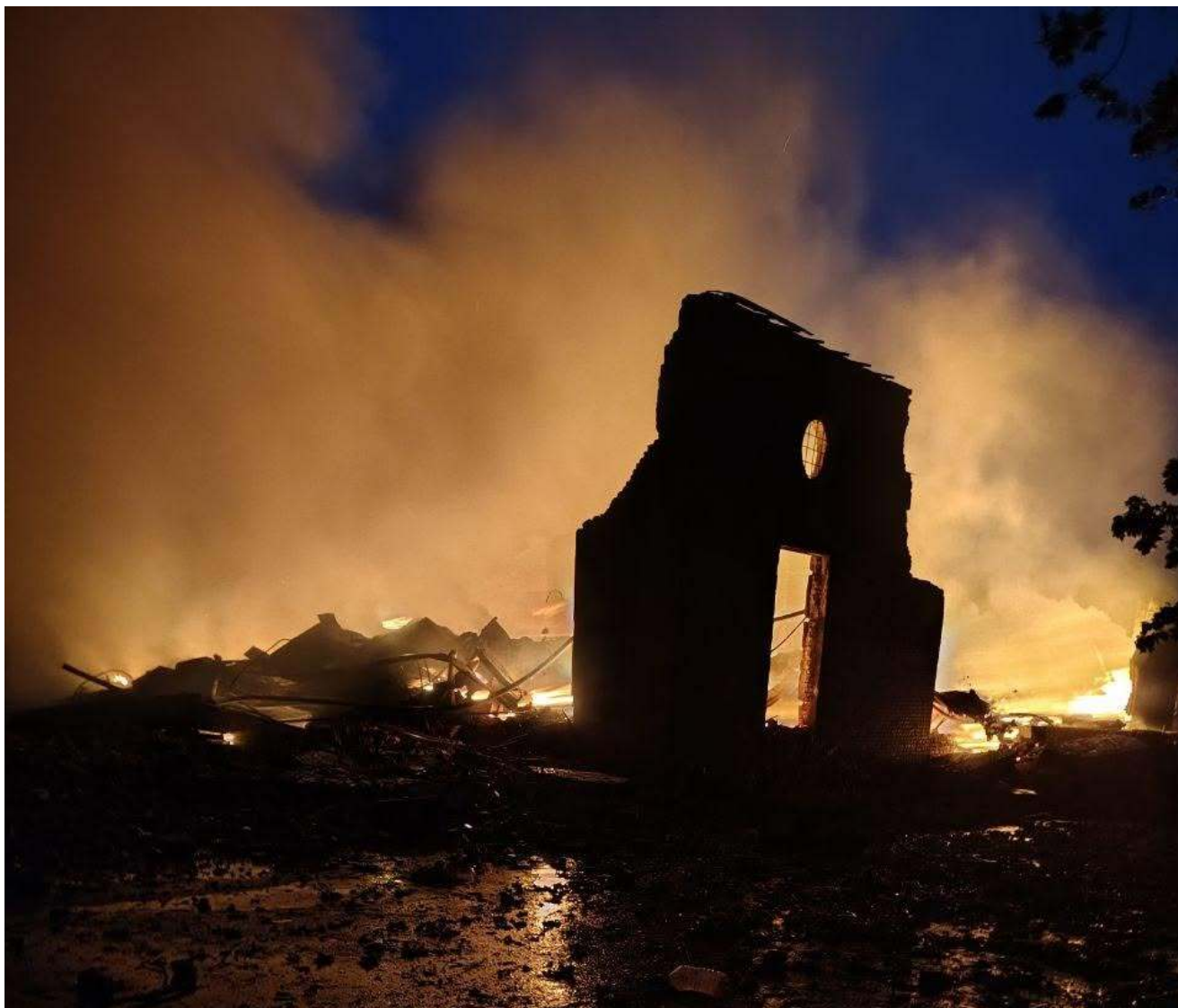
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The statement also mentioned a strike on a postal terminal in Kiev, stressing that it was used for military logistics, delivering parts for drones, and electronic warfare systems.

Similarly, Moscow said a cinema studio in Kiev was struck because Ukrainian forces used the facility to program kamikaze drones for attacks on Russia.



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The Aleksandr Dovzhenko national studio in Kiev was damaged in the overnight Russian barrage. © Ukrainian Culture Minister Tatyana Berezhnaya / Facebook

Ukrainian sources earlier reported attacks in Kiev, Kharkov, and Dnepr, the cities named in the Russian statement. The Ukrainian military said it had detected 70 incoming missiles and more than 600 drones. Officials also reported a partial power outage in Kiev and disruptions to rail services.

During the barrage, Ukrainian media published footage showing a fire at one of the cathedrals of the Kiev-Pechersk Monastery. Reports claimed the blaze was linked to the Russian operation.



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A close-up footage of the burning Dormition Cathedral in Kyiv that caught fire during Russian strikes tonight.

The history of this building dates back to the 11th century. <https://t.co/DR9mKYKfQOpic.twitter.com/gZ283STqVV>

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The Russian ministry reiterated that it does not target sites with no military value and has blamed the damage on the monastery on a US-made Patriot interceptor missile. The statement suggested that the projectile may have malfunctioned due to old age.

Kiev has repeatedly complained of a shortage of Western-supplied air defense systems and of the need to conserve expensive anti-missile munitions, including Patriots.



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The Kiev-Pechersk Monastery has itself been at the center of a prolonged dispute over control of its property. Ukrainian authorities have been pushing for church assets to be transferred from the historic Ukrainian Orthodox Church to either the government-backed Orthodox Church of Ukraine or the state.

The Russian strikes come amid an escalation in long-range attacks by both sides. Kiev is reportedly seeking another \$20 billion from Western backers to expand drone operations against Russia.

Last week, a Ukrainian strike caused [major damage](#) to a museum in Sevastopol dedicated to the defense of the Crimean Peninsula during the 19th-century war with Türkiye, Britain, and France.

The reported Russian attacks on Ukrainian conscription centers came hours after a large protest in Kiev, said to have been sparked by forced mobilization. The rare mass demonstration was [broken up](#)

by riot police, who used tear gas to disperse the crowd, according to local media.

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Three killed in Ukrainian drone strike on Tula Region, Russia – governor

A one-year-old child was among those injured in the overnight attack

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Three people were killed and three others injured, including a one-year-old child, after Ukrainian drones struck residential areas in Tula Region, Russia, Governor Dmitry Milyaev has said.

The attack damaged several private homes and commercial facilities in the settlements of Yamny, Maslovo, Mikhalkovo, and Inshinsky outside Tula, a city around 193 km (120 miles)



south of Moscow.

FILE PHOTO © Anton Vergun / Sputnik

“Unfortunately, according to preliminary information, three people were killed. Three others, including a one-year-old child, were injured. The victims are receiving the necessary medical assistance,” Milyaev wrote on Max on Monday.

Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanin said on Monday morning that four UAVs heading toward the Russian capital were shot down, with emergency specialists dispatched to debris fall sites.



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According to the Defense Ministry, Russian air defenses intercepted or destroyed 249 Ukrainian UAVs on Sunday over Belgorod, Bryansk, Kursk, Voronezh, Oryol, Tula, Kaluga, Rostov, Ryazan, Vladimir, Astrakhan, Tver, Yaroslavl, and Kostroma regions, as well as Crimea.

One person was killed and eight injured when a drone struck an apartment building in Oryol Region, and an elderly woman was hospitalized after UAV debris hit a house in Smolensk Region.

In Kursk Region, two women and a man were injured in separate strikes, and four people, including a child, were reported wounded in Belgorod Region. A local resident was also killed in the Crimean city of Saki, according to the regional authorities.

In Yaroslavl Region, the authorities said debris fell on industrial facilities, sparking a fire but causing no casualties. Local media reported a ‘fuel-oil rain’ after the attack.

The strike is the latest in a series of long-range Ukrainian drone raids reaching deep into Russian territory. Russian officials have accused Kiev of targeting residential neighborhoods and civilian infrastructure, arguing that these attacks offer limited military value and are primarily aimed at intimidating the population.

Moscow has warned that attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure will be met with *“systematic and consistent strikes”* against dual-use targets across Ukraine, including power facilities, military sites, command centers, and drone production plants. Russia maintains that it does not deliberately target purely civilian locations.

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Russian Orthodox Church leader blesses foundation of church in honor of revered saint (VIDEO)

A church named after St. John of Kronstadt will be built in a St. Petersburg monastery he founded

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The head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Kirill, has blessed the foundation stone for a future church dedicated to St. John of Kronstadt. One of the most beloved and influential Orthodox priests, St. John of Kronstadt was known for his tireless pastoral and charitable work in the late 19th century.

The church will be located at the St. John Convent, a women's monastery in the center of St. Petersburg that St. John of Kronstadt founded in the early 20th century, several years before his death. The saint was also buried there in accordance with his wishes.

The monastery was closed in 1923 by the Soviet authorities and was restored and reopened in 1989. It has had no churches dedicated to its founder, which officially canonized by the Russian Orthodox Church in 1990 as two of its churches were consecrated after the Bulgarian 10th century hermit, Saint John of Rila and the twelve Apostles, respectively.



The construction of the new church was sponsored by Russian billionaire property developer, God Nisanov, who is known for his charitable projects and philanthropy, including donations to children's health care funds and co-sponsoring the Rzhev Memorial to the Soviet soldiers who died fighting the Nazis in World War II.

The construction of the new church is expected to be completed in 2028.

St. John of Kronstadt served as a parish priest at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Kronstadt, a naval port near St. Petersburg, for more than 50 years in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, eventually attaining the rank of archpriest and becoming a member of the Most Holy Synod, the Russian Orthodox Church's governing body at the time.

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He became widely known for offering both spiritual guidance and practical assistance to hospitals and shelters, as well as to workers and prisoners. He founded numerous charitable institutions, including schools and orphanages, which provided food, medical assistance and care to those in need. The faithful also believed he was able to heal people with his prayers.