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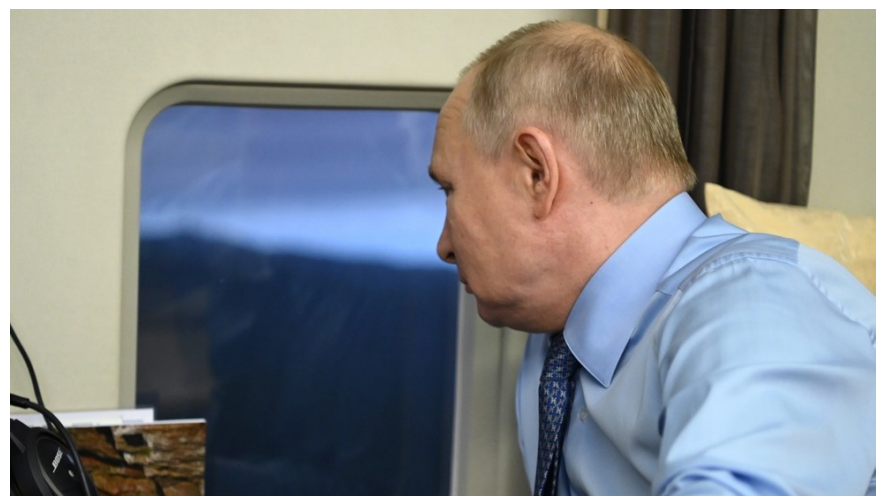
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Putin's helicopter was caught in Ukrainian drone swarm – commander

Kiev launched an “unprecedented” UAV attack on Kursk Region during the president’s visit, a Russian officer has said



FILE PHOTO: Russian President Vladimir Putin aboard a helicopter. © Sputnik / Dmitry Ermolenko

The helicopter carrying Russian President Vladimir Putin was caught in the “epicenter” of a massive Ukrainian drone attack while the president was visiting Kursk Region earlier this week, Yury Dashkin, a commander of an air defense division, has revealed.

Putin traveled to Russia’s Kursk Region on Tuesday for the first time since it was fully liberated from Ukrainian forces in April. During his trip, the president

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met with Governor Aleksandr Khinshtein, as well as the heads of local municipalities and volunteers who have been helping those affected by the now-repulsed Ukrainian incursion, according to the Kremlin.

In an interview with the channel Russia 1 aired on Sunday, Dashkin revealed that Putin's helicopter had found itself *"in the epicenter of an operation to repel a massive drone attack by the enemy"* in Kursk Region.

Kiev launched an *"unprecedented"* UAV assault on the region when the president was there, with Russian air defenses destroying 46 incoming fixed-wing UAVs, according to Dashkin.



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"I would like to stress the fact that the intensity of the attacks during the flight of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief's aircraft over the territory of Kursk Region increased significantly," he said.

The air defense units in the area had to *"simultaneously conduct anti-aircraft combat and ensure the safety of the president's helicopter in the air. The task was accomplished. The attack of the enemy drones was repelled, with all aerial targets being hit,"* Dashkin stated.

Ukraine significantly intensified its drone strikes inside Russia this past week. The Foreign Ministry in Moscow reported that 764 drones had been intercepted over Russian territory between Tuesday and Friday. According to the Defense Ministry, the scale of the assault has not abated, with hundreds more UAVs being destroyed on Saturday and Sunday.

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Saturday that “some European nations led by the UK, France, Germany, and the EU leadership,” who are supporting Kiev and want the conflict to continue, bear some responsibility for the drone raids.

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On the same day, the Russian Foreign Ministry suggested that the spike in the UAV incursions was an attempt to derail the US-brokered peace talks between Moscow and Kiev. The ministry stressed that Russia's “fundamental commitment to a constructive search for a peaceful settlement through dialogue remains unchanged.”

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How hideous is this ? Cowards and rats prepared to let a million men die for some wicked avarice and corruption and prepared to make world war 3 by attacking the Russian President.
I am relieved to know Pres. Putin got home safely. God bless him and all Russians fighting against fascism and corruption for all of us.

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S Simon Filimon 5/25/2025 at 6:24 PM 1

Imagine all the African Leaders now reading this. No wonder they're lining up to join Russia in most all fronts. And many of them are very religious or spiritual—that they're going to see Putin as being protected by a higher power. I would argue, he is! God Bless you Putin and Russia. 🙏

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Ich 5/25/2025 at 6:36 PM ↑ 1

Your»god» was imposed on you by jews. You are their slave until you realise how much have yiu been lied to.

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B Basalat Raja 5/25/2025 at 6:47 PM ↑ 0

Most Jews are both atheists and anti-Zionists.

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b burningtwig 5/25/2025 at 6:47 PM 0

Who isn't so sick of the "we stand with Ukrair
 The U.S. President is correct about the horribl
 Perhaps another regime change in Kiev would be t
 In a world of inter-woven "alliance" perhaps I
 I have no bad feelings towards Russia or it's p

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A Abel Wolfgang 5/25/2025 at 6:17 PM -3


Maybe Putin is jealous of Trump and craves all the attention Trump got when his ear was nearly shot off. Does Putin fantasize being martyr? If so he's mistaken because if he's killed now he'll be remembered only as the leader who could have but never did or the LLP of the SMO. There's reason putin isn't fighting like in war or for life?

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S Sandy Coleman 5/25/2025 at 6:46 PM ↑ 1

Trump is jealous of Putin if anything

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Where are the Oreshniks, huh???

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They just used some to sink French ammo supply boats on the border. Set the whole dock a blaze!

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THIS IS THE US PLANNING

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 **Lou Coatney** 5/25/2025 at 5:08 PM 2

The Ukrainian (or Kyiv, anyway) death – suicide – wish. If VV Putin is killed by Ukrainian drones or friendly fire in reaction to them, the new Russian leader will not have his restraint about pushing the nuclear button – quite the opposite.

This madness *must* STOP.

And there may be a sea-change starting in American media. Note the article in the influential, previously pro-war The Hill by Douglas MacKinnon, «Opinion – How many more useless deaths before we admit Trump was always right on Ukraine?»

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