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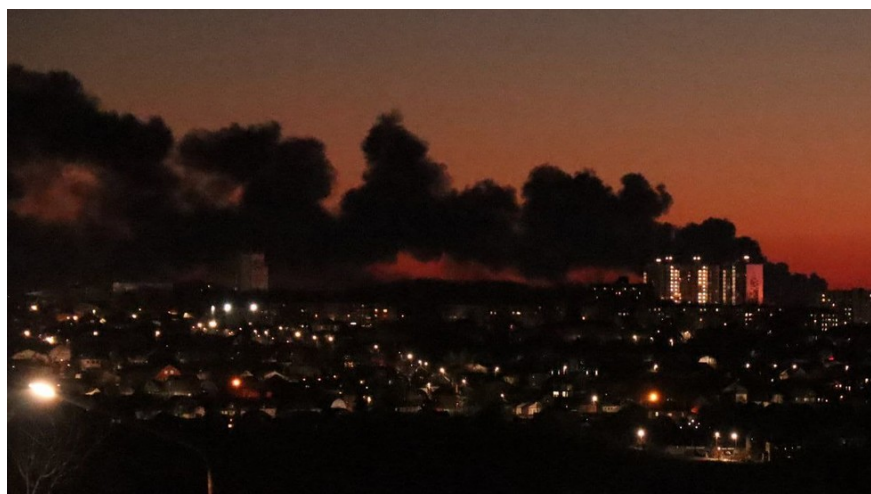
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Here's what they don't tell you about 'massive Russian strikes on Ukraine'

Moscow is doing what must be done to protect its civilians from Kiev's campaign of terror

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In the current media frenzy surrounding the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, a glaring double standard continues to distort public perception: the nature and impact of drone warfare. Western outlets, politicians, and NGOs are quick to pounce on Russia for retaliatory actions, yet remain eerily silent about Ukraine's increasingly reckless and escalatory drone campaign. This selective outrage has not only undermined serious dialogue on peace – it has shielded Ukraine from accountability as it wages what can only be described as a campaign of terror against Russian civilians.

Drone war reality: Civilian targets in Russia

Over the past few weeks, Ukraine's use of drones has surged in both frequency and range. On a near-daily basis,

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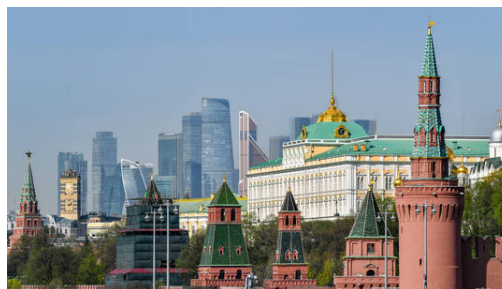
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dozens – sometimes hundreds – of drones are launched toward Russian territory, many targeting civilian infrastructure or flying indiscriminately toward dense urban centers like Moscow. While Russia's air defense systems have performed admirably in intercepting the majority of these threats, the falling debris poses an unavoidable risk to civilians, including children and the elderly. Russian regions far from the frontlines have been forced into a state of constant vigilance, air raid alerts disrupting the normalcy of everyday life.

What's most alarming is the strategic logic – or lack thereof – behind these strikes. Unlike military-grade precision operations, Ukraine's drone attacks appear designed less to achieve tactical objectives and more to instill fear. The targets are often electrical substations, communication towers, or simply proximity to residential areas. This cannot be framed as mere collateral damage; it is a campaign whose effects are felt most deeply by civilians.

Western silence and hypocrisy

Despite this escalating threat to Russian civilians, international reaction has been resoundingly one-sided. There is no UN condemnation of Ukraine's drone strikes. There are no emergency meetings in Brussels, no CNN specials about Russian children running to bomb shelters. Instead, the focus is singular: Russia's every response is dissected, denounced, and demonized. The same countries that cheer on Ukraine's technological advancements in warfare turn a blind eye to the human cost – so long as the humans in question are Russian.



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This selective outrage creates a moral vacuum in which Ukraine is emboldened to continue its drone war with impunity. Zelensky, backed by his Western sponsors, is not held accountable for the reckless escalation he fuels. Worse still, this impunity undermines any real incentive for dialogue. Why negotiate when your side is never blamed?

Russia's measured response

What is most striking in this dynamic is Russia's restraint.

sovereignty – Lavrov

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Despite the volume and severity of the attacks on its territory, Moscow's drone strikes remain focused on disrupting military logistics and strategic assets within Ukraine – often near the frontlines. Russia has refrained from matching Ukraine's willingness to launch indiscriminate aerial barrages deep into population centers. If anything, it has used this period to demonstrate its commitment to a diplomatic resolution, responding from a defensive posture while signaling that its hand remains extended toward the peace table.









At some point, however, enough is enough. A nation cannot allow its citizens to be terrorized indefinitely while posturing for peace. The Kremlin has an obligation to protect its people. And that means pushing back against these drone incursions with the seriousness they deserve.



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The path to peace, and who's blocking it

Critics will claim Russia's posture is inconsistent with its actions, but the facts tell a different story. Moscow remains open to dialogue. It is not demanding one-sided ultimatums, nor is it setting artificial deadlines as Western capitals often



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do. Contrast this with the theatrics of Zelensky and his handlers in Washington and Brussels, who have turned negotiations into performative exercises rather than serious efforts to end the conflict. It is not Russia who walked away from Istanbul in 2022. It is not Russia who ignored the Minsk process when it was politically inconvenient.

Russia enters any future negotiations not as a supplicant, but as a state that has demonstrated both military strength and diplomatic maturity. It does so knowing full well that any peace must be just, balanced, and grounded in the lessons of the past – chief among them, that appeasement and naïveté only invite betrayal.

There is indeed a stark difference between Ukraine's and Russia's drone strikes. One is a campaign of terror, reckless and civilian-targeted, encouraged by Western silence. The other is a reluctant defense, carried out with discipline and restraint. If peace is to be achieved, it must begin with

honesty about who is escalating, who is suffering, and who continues to act like a responsible power even while under attack.

Until the world is ready to admit that, Russian civilians will rely on their nation to do what must be done – and rightly so.

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Michael La Riviere 5/27/2025 at 4:52 AM

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The Washington war mongering terrorists don't care about how many people are being killed every day and especially if they're Russian civilians. Trump's entourage may appear to be willing to negotiate peace but this is just another dirty trick to win at any cost, even breaking every international UN law on the books. One only has to pay attention to what is happening with Israel's war of terror in Gaza being orchestrated by Washington to see how much Washington cares about the number of innocent civilians being murdered to understand that Washington doesn't care what the world thinks about America's war crimes. Washington believes it can do what it likes when it comes to committing war crimes and crimes against humanity! Has Washington and their terrorists ever been held accountable for their crimes?! Not ever!!

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Robert Chizmar 5/27/2025 at 1:40 PM ↑

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yep..... it's 'all' the USA's fault....lol

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Dion 5/27/2025 at 5:13 PM ↑

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You finally got one right 🗡️

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Seb Gibbs 5/27/2025 at 2:24 PM

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On 26 May 2025, Russia launched its largest drone and missile assault on Ukraine, deploying 355 drones and nine cruise missiles, resulting in at least 18 civilian deaths over two nights, including children . Human Rights Watch has documented that Russian attacks since January 2025 have caused more civilian casualties than the same period in 2024, violating international laws prohibiting indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks . The claim that the UN has remained silent on these issues is false; senior UN officials

remained silent on these issues is false, senior UN officials have condemned Russia's assaults in the news, commenting that the assaults on Ukraine as «appalling» .

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Dion 5/27/2025 at 4:47 PM ↑

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«There is no UN condemnation of Ukraine's drone strikes.»
(ON RUSSIA)

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Truth Detective 5/27/2025 at 5:03 PM ↑

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Shut up, Zelensky-ite

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Truth Detective 5/27/2025 at 5:02 PM

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Excellent Analysis.

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Domenico Zagari 5/27/2025 at 1:54 AM

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RUSSIA SHULD BLOW UP THE BRIDGES AT THE BORDER AND SINK THE SHIPS AT THE PORT TO AVOID THE ENEMY SUPPLY.

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Guy 5/27/2025 at 4:04 PM ↑

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And rail tracks supplying armaments from the West .

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Anti United Snakes 5/27/2025 at 4:43 PM ↑

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Full blockade or destruction of all shipments as soon as they enter uke territory whether by rail, air, road or sea.

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GALASGLS GOGO 5/27/2025 at 4:28 PM

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Those «measured response» is total BS! Russia should of been doing this in a much more bigger and larger scale since the very beginning of SPO. Stalin once said, «a truce with the enemy is possible only after its destruction». And he was and is still right!

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William Parke 5/26/2025 at 10:14 PM

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Russia has a responsibility to its citizens to neutralize the drone attacks by taking out the satellites over Russia and Ukraine used for guidance.

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L Le bon Sens 5/27/2025 at 1:38 AM ↑ **2**

If you start a space war, everything will become even worse.

And think about the resulting space debris, risking even more chaos in the orbit, than there already is due to human space waste flying around with about 30.000 km per hour.

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James 5/27/2025 at 1:58 AM ↑ **12**

It is, unfortunately, time for Russia to escalate in an astonishing manner, with any weapons and targets necessary, to eliminate the present and future threat from Ukraine or any other such adversary.

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T Tim Ebrahimy 5/27/2025 at 3:25 AM ↑ **0**

Dealing with the zUS can't be that tough since we have military bases and institutions around the globe.

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Robert Chizmar 5/27/2025 at 1:46 PM ↑ **-2**

you expect no response ? you better get your bunkers ready MF

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Robert Chizmar 5/27/2025 at 1:45 PM ↑ **-4**

who cares ? humans are a disease to this planet

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P Pioneer Network 5/27/2025 at 4:14 PM ↑ **0**

Russia should begin discouraging tactics in Kiev.

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Wakeup Speakup 5/27/2025 at 1:51 AM **5**

Truth, the first victim of War.

What many don't understand is the Context behind this conflict, if the masses knew the facts behind the Maidan Coup, and who sponsored it, global opinion would matter. But as we know Western MSM paints a different picture for the western Masses, one painted with Lies and Propaganda. The West is desperate to hold onto it's Hegemon over the Global South and is threatened by BRICS rapid rise and economic strength. The Colonial West is dying, and the developing Multinolar world is the Daggër that's inflicting the

wounds. The west only has itself to blame for it's inevitable downfall, Sleazery & Bully tactics only work for so long.

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Guy 5/27/2025 at 4:14 PM ↕

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Well said ! Also much of the Western media is now mostly AI bots ,so it seem to be getting much worse .
On another matter ,for example Telegram refused to abide by France's request to interfere in the recent Romania elections but I understand that Telegram will not carry RT on their platform .
Some things just don't add up or double standards .I like Telegram by the way and RT .

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Dave W 5/27/2025 at 3:57 PM

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I was just saying this as soon as the Jewish-owned global media monopoly ripped into Russia for retaliating; they try to paint Putin as 'crazy' or 'unleashed', but the retaliation occurred IMMEDIATELY AFTER Ukraine destroyed the Orthodox Church dome... So basically the Jews are saying it is OKAY to target Christian Churches in Russia, and the media ignores that; as soon as Russia gives payback~ all the sudden Putin is 'crazy'... Do not forget, Zelenskyy (Jew) and his Ukraine had been persecuting ethnic Russians in Ukraine BEFORE the conflict started, and they have also been abusing and arresting Orthodox Churches within Ukraine the entire time. There is a consistent pattern with the Jewish media here...

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RT 5/27/2025 at 3:54 PM

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It is understandable that Russia is trying to mitigate infrastructure damage to the Ukrainian people and also avoid the intentional western negative propaganda. However, IMO it would be in the best interest of Both Russia and Ukraine to destroy the illegitimate Ukrainian puppet government and end this conflict that the US CIA, Mossad and NATO began. At least it nothing like the Genocide of Palestine and Syria the US and Israel are conducting killing civilians as ethnic cleansing.

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Dimi K 5/27/2025 at 6:59 AM

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Sadly and even tragically, fairness, integrity and honesty have been swept aside in current world conflicts. Now it's all about trickery and deceit. Putin will just have to put his foot down and show he means business because otherwise they will

and show he means business, because otherwise they will keep pushing the boundaries of what's acceptable. Trump keeps changing his tune about being pissed at Putin or Zelensky. Can this fool make up his mind or is that the game plan? Does he really want peace? Putin should just eliminate Zelensky and be done with it.

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Robert Chizmar 5/27/2025 at 1:36 PM ↑

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he doesn't, because the war is about white genocide. you retarded ?

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Guy 5/27/2025 at 3:53 PM ↑

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You don't have mirrors in your house ?

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Guy 5/27/2025 at 3:07 PM

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It has been this way for longer than I can remember .The Western media makes sure that the hate on Russia and anything Russian must continue .

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jdt10@cox.net 5/27/2025 at 2:17 PM

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It is good to see some honest reporting on the war. The mainstream media continues to act as propaganda agents for Ukraine (the proxy) and the US and its European poodles, who are the principals who started this war in 2014. Keep up the honest reporting. It is important for people to understand that (1) the government in Ukraine is illegitimate and refuses to hold elections; and (2) is, as the article reports, conducting a full scale terror campaign against Russian civilians. It is these war crimes which is forcing Russia to be more aggressive. Russia has been very patient in waging this war, always trying to find some reasonable resolution, which Ukraine and its puppet-masters have refused to accept. As a result, more of Ukraine will be destroyed and more Ukrainian land will be taken by Russia.

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Daniel Gallardo 5/27/2025 at 2:11 PM

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I agree. The demons take kindness as weakness. Finish it Mother Russia, landlock and level Kiev.

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Tim Ebrahimy 5/27/2025 at 3:13 AM

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Russia can't afford to continue with her polite and restrained

behavior toward the west indefinitely. As we all have learned by now the west treats gentlemen like behavior as weakness and ups the ante towards Russia.

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Robert Chizmar 5/27/2025 at 1:49 PM ↑

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Russia has no choice but to bend over and take it....lol
putin is a puppet, itching for a bullet in his head

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Michael 5/27/2025 at 2:09 AM

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The only solution is for Russia to ignore the Mockingbird Media and mount a strong offensive and take Odessa and Kiev, then start eliminating the Nazi Terrorists with-in the Former Ukraine Borders. Time to go Stalin.

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Tim Ebrahimy 5/27/2025 at 3:16 AM ↑

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Exactly, I've been suggesting this for sometime now. Russians must realize that harder times are ahead and that they need a strong leadership to deal with the western snakes. The Zionists within American political/military and surveillance organizations want war with Russia. They have tied Trump's hands behind his back, that's the reason for his back peddling.

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