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# Ukrainian drone strike hits Russian school dorm – governor

## At least four people have been killed and dozens injured after a Ukrainian drone strike hit a school dormitory in Lugansk People's Republic

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The death toll from an overnight Ukrainian drone attack on a school in the Russian town of Starobelsk has risen to at least four, with 40 others injured, regional authorities have said.

The strike hit the main academic building and dormitory of the Starobelsk Professional College, which teaches students aged 14 to 18. Acting Governor Leonid Pasechnik said 86 students were inside the facility at the time of the



A Starobelsk Professional College building after a reported Ukrainian drone attack, Lugansk People's Republic, May 22, 2026. © Leonid Pasechnik

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attack, adding that some people may still be trapped under the rubble as emergency crews continue clearing the debris.

Health officials reported that eight victims are being treated at a local hospital, including three whose condition is considered serious.

Reports say at least one body was recovered at the site. The locations of at least three other people were identified by rescuers. Following the recovery of the body, local services said the operation had to be paused due to the threat of a new Ukrainian strike.

The Investigative Committee said four Ukrainian drones were used in the raid, which the agency designated as a terrorist attack.



According to Pasechnik, the school was not the only target in what he described as a broader raid on the town. Starobelsk is located around 80 km north of Lugansk, the regional capital of

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the Lugansk People's Republic, which broke away from Ukraine following the 2014 Western-backed coup in Kiev and formally voted to join Russia in a referendum in 2022.

The governor said administrative buildings, shops, and private homes were also damaged, with at least one additional person injured. He published images showing several badly damaged buildings, including the school, some of them still on fire.



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Kiev considers the Lugansk People's Republic part of Ukraine. In April, Ukrainian forces struck the Starobelsk administration building, injuring two pedestrians who were passing nearby.

Russian officials have accused Ukraine of deliberately targeting civilians as part of what Moscow describes as a campaign of terror. Ukrainian officials have said economic damage is one of the main objectives of Kiev's long-range drone strikes inside Russia, while also



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acknowledging that undermining public support for the government by affecting civilians is among their goals.

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The western media mentioned only the Russian attack on peace loving Ukrainians in Kiev, not one word of Ukraine attack on Russia.

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**Guy** 5/22/2026 at 10:01 AM

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Any decision making centre that could have been involved should be razed to the ground.

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**Dinamo Noka** 5/22/2026 at 10:00 AM

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The Ukrainian zionist regime must be dealt with sooner or later. It is hiding behind civilians in Kiev. Either the Ukrainian military will take action to decapitate the zionist regime and save the country of their forefathers or the Russian military has no choice but to do it itself whatever the cost to civilian casualties.

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**Kraut Watch** 5/22/2026 at 9:55 AM

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Russia will take ALL of Ukraine

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**Gleno** 5/22/2026 at 9:19 AM

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Zelenski behaves like Israel.

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he is one of them


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The strange thing is Russia acts like Gaza...

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 **Karbonero** 5/22/2026 at 9:53 AM ↕

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Not a valid comparison, for Gaza does not have the weapons Russia has.

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**A** Artur Balcescu 5/22/2026 at 9:16 AM

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I'm guessing they were soldiers using the school dorm, or else they would have had said kids died. If I am wrong then this warrants a major retaliation

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**d** demeneye 5/22/2026 at 9:53 AM ↕

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It states that 86 students were inside at the time of the attack. It also states that there were 35 people injured. It hasn't mentioned anyone being killed. This could have been a mixture of students, teachers and other school workers.

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**g** greenHammer 5/22/2026 at 9:45 AM

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Nobody is like making some kinda Survivor Russia series out of these attacks. Might make an epic real life show.

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**Damian Hellson** 5/22/2026 at 9:45 AM

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Zelensky eventually will have his dream to unleash WW3 come true its just about a matter of time unless somebody will get rid of him.

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**Leandro Michael** 5/22/2026 at 9:29 AM

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CORRECTION: Ukrainian / Nato forces have intensified drone attacks in recent weeks. Last weekend, they launched the largest barrage targeting Moscow since the escalation of the conflict in 2022.

The world knows its The European Nation's who are Pulling the Strings. Russia must improve its satellites surveillance over all Strike Areas within Ukraine reach hopefully in reducing the injuries upon the children 😞

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**David "Dr D"** 5/22/2026 at 9:28 AM

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Ziojews behaving like ziojews.

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**Lucifer The Devil** 5/22/2026 at 9:27 AM

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Now they hit children 😡 they have to feel consequences. Do something

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**Maria Rosa Pellegrini** 5/22/2026 at 9:22 AM

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Satelliti e intelligence Nato sono alla base di ogni attacco terroristico del regime di Kiev che ne è solo l'esecutore materiale. Questo schema rientra a pieno titolo nel quadro di guerra per procura attuato contro la Russia usando l'Ucraina

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