Ukrainian strike kills six civilians in frontline Russian region – officials

A 13-year-old girl was among the victims of a drone attack on apartment buildings in Lugansk, regional head Leonid Pasechnik has said

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Six people, including a 13-year-old girl, have been killed in a Ukrainian drone strike on residential buildings in Russia's Lugansk People's Republic, regional head Leonid Pasechnik has said, adding that six others, including an eight-year-old girl, were injured.

The Ukrainian attack struck Yubileynoye, in the western outskirts of Lugansk, overnight on



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Friday, Pasechnik said. He noted that while *"most of the aerial targets were shot down by mobile fire groups, several drones managed to carry out attacks."* As a result, concrete floors collapsed inside one apartment building, trapping residents beneath the rubble, he added.

Pasechnik initially reported three fatalities, but following a rescue operation lasting more than 24 hours raised the death toll to six. Among the dead were the mother and two adult brothers of the eight-year-old girl, who was rescued from the wreckage. The girl has been evacuated to Moscow for further treatment, while five other injured residents are receiving medical care locally, Pasechnik said.

Other apartment buildings were also damaged. Local authorities and volunteers have begun repairs in the exposed apartments to retain heat, while the regional administration has offered temporary accommodation and assistance with compensation claims.



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"Everything that happened that night is a crime for which there is no justification. Deliberate strikes on residential buildings and sleeping people... There is no military purpose in this, only terror against the defenseless. This is all the savage Kiev junta is capable of," Pasechnik said, adding that Ukrainian *"neo-Nazis"* will pay on the battlefield for every killed civilian.

On Saturday, Russian Human Rights Commissioner Yana Lantratova announced that she would appeal to the UN human rights office and *"seek public condemnation of another crime by the Kiev regime against civilians."*

Ukraine has repeatedly launched drone strikes deep inside Russia, targeting critical infrastructure and civilian areas, with frontline regions bearing the brunt of the attacks. On Tuesday, Rodion Miroshnik, a senior Russian Foreign Ministry official tasked with documenting alleged Ukrainian war crimes, reported that 64 civilians had been killed and another 236 wounded in Ukrainian attacks over the preceding week alone.

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