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Bomb Explosion in Odessa Could Have Targeted Ukraine Army Charity Point

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A screenshot of a video uploaded to YouTube on Wednesday reportedly showing the scene of a bomb explosion in Ukraine's city of Odessa.

An explosion in Ukraine's Black Sea port of Odessa in the middle of the night ripped through a building that reportedly housed a volunteer organization collecting donations for the country's armed forces fighting pro-Moscow separatists in the east.

No injuries were reported from the blast estimated to have taken place at 1:30 a.m. local time on Wednesday, but videos posted online showed a crumbled section of a building, with shattered glass and fragments of a wall scattered on the pavement on the corner of Admiralsky Prospekt and Ulitsa Krasnova.

The blast could be heard within a 10-kilometer radius of the Black Sea port city, local Odessa Daily news portal reported.

The building housed an organization that collected donations for the army, the report said, citing a local volunteer.

A different explosion in Odessa a week ago targeted a store called "Patriot" that sold items depicting Ukrainian national symbols, media reports said. Nobody was injured, but the blast destroyed a wall and shattered windows in the store, Interfax reported.

A video reportedly showing the scene of the bomb explosion was uploaded to YouTube Wednesday morning.

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