

Shelling Destroys Property in Russian Village Bordering Ukraine

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A shell fragment is seen in the backyard after a shelling attack on the Belgorod region village of Golovchino on April 19. **Yevgeny Silantyev/TASS**

A Russian village on the Ukrainian border was shelled early Tuesday, according to the the governor of Russia's Kursk region, a day after his counterpart on Ukrainian side reported an attempted Russian incursion.

"Today at around 5 a.m., large-caliber weapons were fired at the border village of Alekseevka in the Glushkov district," Kursk region Governor Roman Starovoit said.

A school building, three houses and a parked car were damaged in the attack, Starovoit wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

There were no casualties, he added.

Starovoit did not directly blame Ukrainian troops for the shelling, but said that Russian border guards had "quickly suppressed" the attack and investigators were on site.

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The village of Alekseevka is located on Russia's border with northeastern Ukraine's Sumy region, whose governor <u>said</u> Monday that Ukrainian border guards had repelled a Russian incursion.

"Under cover of fire, a sabotage group of thieves tried to enter the territory of the region," Sumy region head Dmytro Zhyvytsky wrote on Telegram.

"The guards gave a fight to the Russians, who retreated," he said.

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Ukraine reclaimed control of Sumy region in early April from Russian troops.

Neither Starovoit's nor Zhyvytsky's accounts could be independently verified.

The shelling of Alekseevka is one of dozens of similar incidents reported across Russian border regions in recent months in the wake of the invasion of Ukraine.

Ukraine's defense ministry announced Monday that its troops had regained control of territory on the Russian border near Ukraine's second-largest city of Kharkiv.

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