

Russia Reports First Female Military Death in Ukraine

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Military parade on Red Square in Moscow. **Andrei Nikerichev / Moskva News Agency**

The first Russian female soldier has died in Ukraine four and a half months into Russia's war against its pro-Western neighbor, local media [reported](#) Tuesday.

Anastasia Savitskaya was a corporal from the southwestern Russian city of Volgograd, according to the [v1.ru](#) news website. It was not clear where in Ukraine, or under what circumstances, she had died.

"[Savitsakaya] became the first female military personnel to die," Alexander Strukov, the head of Volgograd's council of veterans, was quoted as saying by [v1.ru](#).

The outlet did not reveal Savitskaya's age at the time of her death.

Russia's Volgograd region has [reported](#) one of highest regional death tolls in the Ukraine war with a total of 136 soldiers killed in combat, according to the independent Russian media outlet iStories.

The Russian government hasn't updated its official death toll in Ukraine since March, when it reported 1,351 soldiers killed.

iStories, which keeps an independent tally of military fatalities in Ukraine, has confirmed the deaths of nearly 4,500 Russians since the start of the Russian invasion in February.

An [estimated](#) 40,000 women — less than 1% of 900,000 soldiers — were serving in the Russian Armed Forces last year.

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