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In Photos: Dam Breach in Russian-Controlled Ukraine Floods Surrounding Areas

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Kyiv and Moscow on Tuesday accused each other of destroying a major dam on the Dnipro River, which separates Russian and Ukrainian-controlled areas of the southern Kherson region. Videos shared on social media showed a huge surge of water cascading over submerged sections of the Kakhovka dam. The reservoir it contains holds an estimated 18 cubic kilometers of water, around the same volume as the Great Salt Lake in the state of Utah. The dam breach has led to catastrophic flooding, prompting evacuations of civilians from areas downstream. Ukraine claims Moscow blew up the Russian-controlled dam and called it a deliberate war crime. In turn, the Kremlin blamed Ukrainian forces for the dam's destruction after allegedly suffering early losses in their counteroffensive launched in the days before. Here are scenes from the flooded areas:



Emergency services of the Kherson region

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