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Blackouts in Russian Border Region After Drone Strikes – Governor

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Overnight drone strikes on a power station across the state border have caused blackouts in two Russian villages, the regional governor said Wednesday amid an intensifying spate of cross-border attacks.

Roman Starovoit, the governor of Russia's Kursk region, said Ukrainian forces dropped two explosives on a substation in the village of Popovo-Lezhachi 4 kilometers east of the border with Ukraine.

One worker suffered shrapnel wounds while restoring the power supply for Popovo-Lezhachi and the neighboring village of Tetkino, Starovoit wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

He said mine-clearing operations were underway to allow work to continue on restoring the power supply.

Russian authorities have consistently blamed Ukraine for the cross-border attacks, but Kyiv

has not acknowledged any role.

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Russia's Kursk region has been hit by several drone strikes recently, including Thursday's attack on a local substation that left a different village without power and Friday's reported attack on the regional capital of Kursk.

In a separate statement Wednesday, the governor of Russia's Belgorod region south of Kursk accused Ukrainian forces of firing 460 different types of ammunition and 26 explosives on the town of Shebekino — the most frequent target in the cross-border attacks — in the past 24 hours.

Belgorod region Governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said a number of cars and houses were damaged, but no civilians were hurt in the barrage.

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