

Fire Engulfs Russian Power Plant Near Ukraine Border

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Authorities said the fire covered an area of 200 square meters before being extinguished. **Video grab**

A fire broke out Wednesday at a power plant in Russia's southern Rostov region, with authorities denying local media reports suggesting an explosion may have been the cause.

Video shared online [showed](#) large flames and plumes of black smoke rising from the Novocherkasskaya power station, located some 50 kilometers southeast of Ukraine's partially Russian-occupied Donetsk region.

Rostov Governor Vasily Golubev [said](#) firefighters managed to extinguish the flames — which covered an area of 200 square meters — by late Wednesday afternoon.

Three plant workers were hospitalized with injuries resulting from the fire, Golubev wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

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The Gazprom-owned power station suspended its operations and “temporarily” restricted electricity supplies to regional customers, he added.

The governor denied local media reports, which [cited](#) an anonymous local law enforcement official who claimed a loud explosion had preceded the fire.

Although an inspection is underway, Golubev said experts believe the fire may have been caused by a “gas ignition from technological works.”

The incident at the Novocherkassk power station follows a series of recent drone strikes against oil refineries in Russian regions located near the border with Ukraine.

Kyiv has denied its role in these and other attacks on Russian territory.

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