'Storm of the Century' Kills 4, Cuts Power to 2Mln in Russia, Occupied Ukraine

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The sea in Alushta during a storm. **vk.com/alushta24**

Updated with new death toll.

A severe storm on the Black Sea hit parts of Ukraine and southern Russia on Sunday night, killing at least [four] people and knocking out power to nearly 2 million, with strong winds continuing into Monday.

"About 1.9 million people remained without power supply as of 10:00 Moscow time due to unfavorable weather conditions," Moscow's energy ministry said, listing the Russian regions of Dagestan, Krasnodar and Rostov, as well as the occupied Ukrainian regions of Crimea, Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia.

The storm peaked on Sunday evening, with some parts of Russian-annexed Crimea [receiving] 33 millimeters of precipitation and winds reaching speeds of 144 kilometers per hour.

As waves up to 8 meters high [battered] the coast, crude oil loading was halted on Russia's

Novorossiysk oil terminal and the nearby Caspian Pipeline Consortium terminal — leading Kazakhstan, which exports through the CPC, to reduce oil production by nearly 15% compared to the day earlier, [reported](#) Bloomberg.

A Ukrainian interior ministry adviser [posted](#) several videos on X, formerly Twitter, allegedly showing the storm washing away Russian defenses on the coast, [saying](#): "A storm washed away trenches in occupied Crimea that Russian army dug out on the beaches."

The footage could not be independently verified.

Russian authorities in Crimea declared Monday a non-working day.

Officials [said](#) parts of Crimea were without water and heat, [498,000](#) people had lost power, and hundreds of people had been evacuated from their homes.

More than 10 people were [injured](#), two were hospitalized, at least 195 buildings had been flooded and roads were closed due to fallen power lines.

Russian officials in Donetsk [reported](#) another 190,000 people without power.

Occupied parts of Ukraine's southern Zaporizhzhia region also [saw](#) injuries, property damage, flooding, and power cuts.

Russia's emergency situations ministry [said](#) on Telegram that less than 100 people had been evacuated from the Sevastopol and Krasnodar regions, where there had been injuries, downed trees, and property damage.

At least 800 marine animals were also [killed](#) after a flood at the Sevastopol Marine Aquarium Museum.

Planes headed for Sochi were [redirected](#) and a cargo ship [ran aground](#).

The ministry said it had mobilized 1,335 people to assist with storm recovery.

The storm also [brought](#) heavy snow to other parts of Ukraine, as well as Romania, Moldova, and Bulgaria.

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