

Ukraine Says Downed 28 of 31 Russian Drones

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A village in Ukraine's Donetsk region after a Russian attack. **National Police of Ukraine**

Ukraine said Monday it had shot down 28 Russian drones out of 31 launched from the annexed Crimea peninsula, as the country celebrates Christmas on Dec. 25 for the first time in a snub to Moscow.

"On Dec. 25, the enemy attacked with 31 attacking UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles)... 28 Shahed-136/131 drones were shot down," the air force said on social media.

The air force said it had also shot down two Russian missiles and two fighter jets — one over the Donetsk region in eastern Ukraine and one over the Black Sea.

The defense forces in southern Ukraine said 17 of the downed drones were in the southern Odesa region and five more in other parts of the south.

In Odesa, the defense forces said port infrastructure was damaged but there were no

casualties.

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