

Russia Launched 40 Missiles, Drones Overnight – Ukraine

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Aftermath of the attack in the Sumy region. Sumy Regional Prosecutor's Office

Russia launched dozens of attacks over Ukraine overnight, the Ukrainian Air Force said Saturday, as Kyiv pushes for more air defense.

"A total of 40 means of enemy air attack were recorded," the Air Force said, adding it destroyed eight missiles.

Ukraine's Air Force said Russia attacked with a wide range of weapons including cruise, ballistic, anti-aircraft missiles as well as drones.

"More than 20 devices" failed to reach their targets due to "active measures by means of electronic warfare," it added.

Spokesperson Yurii Ihnat later clarified.

"Either they fell in the fields, they were detonated in the air, or they were affected by means of radio-electronic warfare of our defense forces," he said on television.

Authorities have not yet reported any fatalities.

A missile attack in the northeastern Sumy region wounded one civilian and damaged 26 buildings, Ukraine's Prosecutor General said.

"There is damage" in the northern region of Chernihiv, its Governor Viacheslav Chaus said, adding authorities were "not disclosing the places yet."

In the central Poltava region, an unexploded missile fell in a residential house's backyard, Governor Pylyp Pronin said.

Ukraine's neighbor Poland had briefly activated air defense systems due to the increased level of threat.

Ukrainian territory close to the frontline was also targeted by Russian artillery.

Shelling wounded one civilian in Beryslav, on the shores of the Dnipro River in southern Kherson, on Friday evening.

"A 71-year-old woman was found under the rubble of an apartment building" and is being provided with medical help, the region's Governor Oleksandr Prokudin said Saturday.

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