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Belgorod: The Russian City Paying the Price for Moscow's War on Ukraine

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The Russian city of Belgorod has made international headlines in late 2023 and early 2024 after it was rocked by a deadly shelling incident on Dec. 30. The attack in central Belgorod, occurring just before New Year, wrought devastation on the city of approximately 350,000 that sits just 40 kilometers from the Ukrainian border. It claimed the lives of 25 individuals, including five children, and left over 100 injured, many of whom remain hospitalized in serious condition. The city continues to be plagued by frequent shelling.

In the latest episode of Russia on the Record, we hear from Belgorod residents about life in the city following the attack, their feelings toward Russian authorities and their views of the ongoing war in Ukraine.

*Some names have been altered to protect the identities of our guests.

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