

Ukrainian Drones Target Industrial Plants in Russia's Tatarstan

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Ukrainian drones targeted industrial plants in Russia's republic of Tatarstan around 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) from the Ukrainian border, Russian media reported and officials in Kyiv said Monday.

Tatarstan's regional government said an "attempted attack by enemy drones" to target unidentified "industrial enterprises" was neutralized without causing any injuries or damage. At least two regional airports had grounded flights during the attacks.

Andriy Kovalenko, head of Ukraine's disinformation countermeasures center, [said](#) explosions were heard in the Tatarstan capital city of Kazan, which houses the Gorbunov Kazan Aviation Plant, Kazan Helicopters and the Kazan State-Owned Gunpowder Plant.

"These aren't the first attacks, but it's becoming increasingly difficult to secure Russia's skies," Kovalenko wrote on Telegram without explicitly acknowledging that Ukraine carried out the drone strikes.

Unverified videos shared by the Astra Telegram news channel [showed](#) what were claimed to be explosions from the drone strikes on the Gorbunov plant.

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President Vladimir Putin visited the plant last February when he [flew](#) a Tupolev Tu-160M strategic bomber. The plant is under EU sanctions for manufacturing and repairing Tu-160 and Tu-22M3M strategic bombers.

Russia's Defense Ministry said its air defense systems shot down 31 Ukrainian drones, which mainly targeted the industrial sites in Tatarstan and five other regions overnight.

In the Kaluga region near Moscow, debris from a downed drone sparked a fire at an industrial site but it was quickly put out, Kaluga region Governor Vladislav Shapsha said.

In the Bryansk region, which borders Ukraine, 14 drones and four HIMARS missiles were destroyed, regional authorities there said.

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