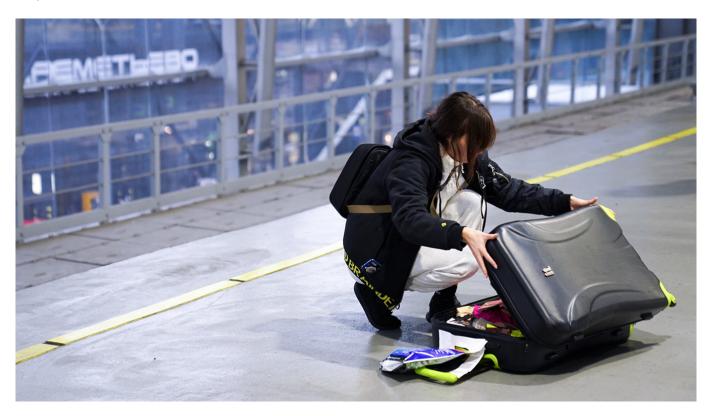


Moscow Airports Temporarily Halt Flights Amid Drone Attacks

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Sheremetyevo Airport in Moscow. Pelagia Tikhonova / Moskva News Agency

Three of Moscow's four airports temporarily suspended flights Wednesday as Ukrainian drones targeted the Russian capital, authorities said.

Domodedovo and Zhukovsky airports <u>halted</u> both inbound and outbound flights, while Sheremetyevo suspended arrivals but <u>allowed</u> some departures on a case-by-case basis, according to Artyom Korenyako, a spokesperson for Russia's Federal Air Transport Agency.

Those restrictions were introduced as Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin <u>said</u> air defenses downed three drones on approach to the city.

"Emergency services are working at the crash sites," Sobyanin wrote on Telegram, without specifying locations.

The airspace restrictions were <u>lifted</u> less than an hour later, Rosaviatsia said.

Earlier in the day, Russia's Defense Ministry said it destroyed 159 Ukrainian drones overnight,

adding that its forces <u>intercepted</u> another 39 drones over six Russian regions and annexed Crimea on Wednesday morning.

The military has not commented on the midday strikes targeting Moscow.

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