

Ukrainian Drone Attack Sparks Fire at Krasnodar Oil Refinery

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An overnight Ukrainian drone strike sparked a fire at an oil refinery in the southern Krasnodar region, local authorities [said](#) early Thursday.

The regional crisis center reported that a blaze broke out at the Afipsky refinery, located just south of the regional capital, after falling drone debris ignited a gas condensate processing unit. Emergency crews extinguished the fire by 8:21 a.m. local time.

Despite official warnings against filming the scene, eyewitness [videos](#) circulated on Telegram showing flames and thick black smoke rising from what was said to be the Afipsky refinery.

The Telegram news channel Astra [reported](#) that drones also struck a military site in the nearby town of Slavyansk-na-Kubani, citing local residents and emergency alerts.

Ukraine has targeted the Afipsky refinery multiple times since Russia's 2022 invasion, most recently in February. The facility processes about 6 million metric tons of crude oil annually.

Energy infrastructure remains a key target for both sides as they seek to weaken each other's wartime capabilities.

Russia's Defense Ministry [said](#) air defenses shot down 82 Ukrainian drones overnight, including nine over the Krasnodar region.

Authorities [said](#) at least four people were wounded in drone attacks in the Krasnodar and Belgorod regions.

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