

Russian Drones Slam Into Kharkiv Apartment Block, Killing 5 Ukrainians

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An apartment block in Kharkiv following a Russian drone attack. **State Emergency Service of Ukraine**

A Russian drone attack on an apartment block in the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv early on Monday killed five people and wounded more than a dozen others, Ukrainian authorities said.

The attack, which took place just before dawn, reduced part of the building to rubble and sparked fires on at least three floors, the region's governor Oleh Syniehubov said on Telegram. Russia launched four drones at the building, he added.

Ukraine's state emergency service posted videos showing rescuers sifting through the rubble to reach a trapped person.

"Five people were killed, including a girl aged about one-and-a-half years old," Ukrainian prosecutors said in a statement. "At least 18 people were wounded and suffered acute shock, including children."

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Kharkiv, located near the Russian border, was hit hours earlier by a ballistic missile that wounded at least 11 people, the local mayor said.

Russian forces also struck the southern Odesa region with drones early on Monday, sparking a fire at a fuel facility, regional governor Oleh Kiper said.

The attacks came hours before Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and his European allies were expected to travel to Washington for talks with U.S. President Donald Trump on ending the war.

Earlier, Trump said Ukraine would not be able to reclaim the annexed Crimean peninsula or enter NATO as part of a peace deal. Zelensky has repeatedly pushed back against pressure to cede Crimea, the southern peninsula annexed by Russia in 2014.

Russia, which has been advancing for months on the battlefield, has proposed that Ukraine withdraw from the Donbas region in exchange for freezing the front line in the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, where the capital cities are still under Kyiv's control.

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