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Ukraine Hits One of Russia's Largest Oil Refining Complexes

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Bashneft-Ufaneftekhim oil refinery in Ufa **UZRMK LLC**

A Ukrainian drone crashed into one of Russia's largest oil refining complexes on Saturday, sparking a fire and causing minor damage, a Russian official said.

The complex, which belongs to Russian oil company Bashneft, lies around 1,400 kilometers from the front line in Ukraine on the outskirts of Ufa, the capital of Russia's republic of Bashkortostan.

Videos posted on social media appeared to show a drone drifting towards the facility before exploding in a ball of flames, sending a cloud of smoke into the sky.

"Today, Bashneft's facility was subjected to a terrorist attack by aircraft-type drones," Bashkortostan's head Radiy Khabirov said on Telegram.

One drone crashed into the plant, while another was shot down, he said.

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"There were no casualties or injuries. The production site sustained minor damage, and a fire broke out, which is currently being extinguished," he added.

A source in Ukraine's GUR military intelligence agency claimed responsibility for the attack.

Since Moscow launched its full-scale military offensive in Ukraine in February 2022, Kyiv has responded with attacks on Russian refineries in an attempt to curb the Kremlin's ability to fund the conflict.

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The Kremlin described Bashneft's Ufa refining complex in 2016 as "one of the largest in the country," saying it produced more than 150 types of oil products.

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