

Ukrainian Drones Hit Major Oil Refinery in Southern Russia for Second Time in a Month

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Video grab

Ukrainian drones struck the Afipsky oil refinery in Russia's Krasnodar region for the second time in a month, regional authorities said Thursday.

Debris from one of the drones fell on a refinery unit, sparking a fire that covered 30 square meters before being quickly extinguished, the regional crisis center <u>said</u>. No casualties were reported.

The Afipsky refinery, one of the largest in southern Russia, has a processing capacity of 9.1 million tons of crude a year and operates two primary processing units.

It was previously targeted by drones on Aug. 28, weeks after an earlier strike on Aug. 7 forced the shutdown of one unit. Drones also hit the nearby Krasnodar refinery, which is linked to Afipsky, on Aug. 30.

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Ukraine has stepped up attacks on Russian oil infrastructure since early August, disabling at least five major refineries.

Reuters calculations show the strikes have cut Russian refining capacity by 17%, or about 1.1 million barrels per day.

Industry sources told the Kommersant business daily that gasoline output has fallen by roughly 10%.

More than 300 filling stations across Russia have closed, while many regions have introduced rationing of 10-20 liters per customer. Wholesale gasoline prices have jumped 40-50% since the start of the year.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said U.S. President Donald Trump had backed the strikes on Russian energy facilities, describing Washington's stance as an "eye-for-an-eye" policy.

After meeting Zelensky, Trump told reporters Russia faced a fuel crisis and "major problems" with its economy.

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