

Russian Strikes Kill One, Damage Synagogue in Ukraine

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State Emergency Service of Ukraine

Russian attacks overnight and into the early hours of Thursday killed one rescue worker in Ukraine, disrupted train services and damaged a synagogue, Ukrainian officials said.

AFP journalists in Kyiv heard air raid sirens and explosions during the night, as Russia launched 130 drones, according to the Ukrainian air force.

Emergency services said that one rescue worker was killed and five others were wounded putting out a fire during a repeat Russian attack on the village of Zelenyi Hai in the eastern Kharkiv region.

"Another crime against rescue workers," a statement posted on social media said.

In Kyiv, eight people were wounded, city officials said, while the foreign ministry announced that a synagogue had been damaged during the attack on three districts of the city.

"Russian terror does not spare anyone, including religious communities," the foreign ministry said.

Its statement added that 640 places of worship and 67 religious leaders had been killed since Russia began its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

AFP journalists in Kyiv saw residential buildings whose windows were blown out in the attack and the charred remains of cars as residents cleared rubble.

In the eastern Sumy region, officials said two railway workers were wounded, while the state trains operator said services were disrupted in the border region.

Russia's defense ministry, meanwhile, said it shot down 139 Ukrainian drones overnight, mostly over western regions bordering Ukraine.

The overnight exchange of Russian and Ukrainian fire came one day after Russian bombardments killed seven people, including two children, and spurred nationwide blackouts across Ukraine.

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