

Russian Strikes on Ukraine Kill One, Injure 17

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The house in Zaporizhzhia after the Russian strike. State Emergency Service of Ukraine

Russian strikes on Ukraine overnight killed one person, wounded 17 and caused emergency power outages across the country, Ukrainian authorities said Thursday.

DTEK, Ukraine's largest private energy company, said power plants were damaged in various regions, without elaborating.

In the Western region of Lviv, which borders NATO and EU member Poland, the regional governor said two energy facilities were hit.

"Russia continues its systematic energy terror, striking at the lives, dignity and warmth of Ukrainians on the eve of winter," Ukraine's Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko wrote on social media.

The Kremlin has attacked Ukrainian power infrastructure each winter since invading in 2022,

forcing Kyiv to impose electricity consumption restrictions and import energy from abroad.

In south-eastern Zaporizhzhia, the regional military administration chief said one person was killed and 17 were wounded, including six children.

Authorities distributed images showing multiple floors of a Soviet-era residential building that collapsed after the attacks.

Four more were wounded in the Vinnytsia region outside the capital Kyiv, where AFP journalists heard Russian drones buzzing over the capital.

The energy ministry said a "significant number of consumers" were cut off from electricity supplies as a result of the attacks, without giving figures.

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Russia's defense ministry said it had downed 170 Ukrainian drones overnight, including 48 in the Bryansk region, which borders Ukraine, and nine in the Moscow region, with six headed towards the capital.

Russia has kept up a near-constant barrage of drone and missile attacks — particularly on Ukraine's energy networks — as it grinds on with its full-scale invasion.

Ukraine has increasingly responded with its own strikes targeting Russian oil refineries and other energy infrastructure.

U.S. President Donald Trump has been attempting to secure a deal since his return to the White House in January, but talks have yielded little progress.

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