

Ukrainian Drones Strike Saratov Oil Refinery

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The Saratov oil refinery. Video grab

Ukrainian drones struck the Saratov Oil Refinery in southern Russia's Saratov overnight, Ukraine's General Staff <u>said</u> Monday.

The refinery, which belongs to Rosneft, is one of Russia's oldest and has a production capacity of 4.8 million metric tons per year. Last night's attack was the fourth time the refinery has been targeted by Ukrainian strikes this autumn.

An analysis of social media videos done by independent news outlet Astra also <u>concluded</u> that the target of the strike was the Saratov oil refinery.

Saratov region Governor Roman Busargin <u>posted</u> on Telegram that he had received word from the Defense Ministry to be on alert for drone strikes in the area.

The Russian Defense Ministry <u>reported</u> that it had downed 64 drones last night: 29 over the Saratov region, 29 over the Rostov region, 4 over the Volgograd region, 1 over the Belgorod

region and 1 over the Stavropol region.

Saratov's airport was temporarily closed overnight but <u>reopened</u> early Monday morning.

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The Ukrainian General Staff also claimed to have struck Russian army logistics sites in the occupied Luhansk region.

No casualties have been reported.

The Moscow Times was unable to independently verify any of these reports.

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

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

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