

Ukrainian Drones Target Rosneft Refinery in Samara – Reports

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Ukraine launched dozens of drones at targets across Russia regions overnight, with media and Ukrainian-linked sources claiming that an oil refinery in the southern Samara region was among the sites hit.

Russia's Defense Ministry [said](#) its air defenses intercepted 118 Ukrainian drones, including 18 over the Samara region. Dozens more were reported downed over the Belgorod and Kursk regions, which border Ukraine.

Aviation authorities temporarily [restricted](#) flights at six airports across Russia. Samara's Kurumoch Airport was among them.

Telegram news channels and Petro Andryushchenko, a former official in now-occupied Mariupol, [claimed](#) Rosneft's Novokuibyshevsk refinery was targeted in the drone attack in Samara.

Residents in the area reportedly [heard](#) several loud explosions near the facility, which has an annual capacity of up to 8.8 million metric tons and is viewed by Ukraine as a key supplier of fuel for Russian military operations.

The Moscow Times could not independently verify those reports.

Samara region Governor Vyacheslav Fedorishchev has not commented on the claimed drone strikes.

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