

Sverdlovsk, Chelyabinsk Regions Report First Ukrainian Drone Attacks

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Damage to the Trinity building in central Yekaterinburg. **Collage: Осторожно, новости/Telegram and Social Media**

Russia's Sverdlovsk and Chelyabinsk regions came under attack from Ukrainian drones on Saturday morning, according to the Defense Ministry.

This marks the first time the regions, which are over 1,700 kilometers from Ukrainian-controlled territory, have been attacked.

Footage on social media showed smoke rising from a high-rise residential building in Yekaterinburg, Russia's fourth most populous city. The governor of Sverdlovsk region, Denis Pasler [confirmed](#) the attack and said that nobody was killed but six people were injured.

He warned residents not to post images or footage of the drones or their impact.

The governor of the Chelyabinsk region, which borders Kazakhstan, said an attack on a facility in the city had been prevented. He said there were no casualties or damage.

But local residents reported hearing explosions from the direction of the Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant, which is one of the largest steelmakers in Russia.

The Defense Ministry said Russia shot down 127 drones overnight.

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