

# Ukrainian Drone Attack on Technical College in Occupied Luhansk Kills At Least 4

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**Leonid Pasechnik / VK**

A Ukrainian drone attack has killed at least four people and wounded more than 30 others at a technical college in eastern Ukraine's Luhansk region, Russian and Kremlin-backed authorities in the occupied territory said Friday.

Leonid Pasechnik, the Russian-installed head of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic, [said](#) dozens of students and faculty were inside the Starobilsk Professional College and its dormitory in the central town of Starobilsk at the time of the attack.

"Thirty-five people sustained injuries of varying severity and are currently receiving the necessary medical care," Pasechnik wrote in a post on Telegram. "Rescue workers continue to clear the debris."

The Investigative Committee, Russia's top investigative body, [said](#) Ukraine launched a total of

four drones at the technical college. The law enforcement body opened a criminal probe into terrorism following the attack.

There was no immediate response from Ukraine.

Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry, which operates in Luhansk and other occupied parts of Ukraine, [said](#) first responders retrieved the body of one person, according to the Interfax news agency.

Shortly after, Russia's newly appointed human rights ombudsman Yana Lantratova [said](#) four people were killed. Authorities in Luhansk did not immediately provide an updated death count.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov [called](#) the attack a "monstrous crime" and said "those responsible for this crime must be punished."

"Overall, the Kyiv regime must be punished," Peskov told reporters.

Starobilsk has been under Russian control since March 2022, the first full month of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

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