

Ukrainian Drones Attack Wildberries Hub and Oil Refinery in Bashkortostan

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Ukrainian drones targeted a logistics hub owned by Wildberries and caused a fire at one of Russia's largest oil refineries in the republic of Bashkortostan Thursday, according to regional officials and exiled news outlets.

Regional head Radiy Khabirov [said](#) 16 drones were shot down over the city of Salavat and five others over the nearby Chishminsky district. They are located around 1,200 kilometers (745 miles) east of Moscow and more than 1,300 kilometers (808 miles) from the Ukrainian border.

"Two people were injured in today's attacks. Both are in hospitals receiving all necessary care," he wrote on Telegram.

Khabirov said falling debris sparked a fire in an "industrial area." Exiled media outlet Astra [identified](#) the site as the Gazprom Neftekhim Salavat refinery, which accounts for 2.7% of Russia's total refining throughput and which [halted](#) operations after being [damaged](#) in an attack last month.

Wildberries, Russia's largest online retailer, [said](#) a fire broke out at another "industrial zone" that houses one of its facilities. It noted that staff had been evacuated in advance and that no retail merchandise was being stored there.

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Khabirov said a Ka-32 firefighting helicopter was deployed to help ground crews extinguish the blaze in the Chishminsky district where the logistics hub is located.

Astra [said](#) construction of the complex totaling 186,800 square meters was not yet complete.

Russia's Defense Ministry [said](#) its air defense systems intercepted 362 Ukrainian drones across 18 Russian regions and annexed Crimea between Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

The drone barrage caused temporary flight suspensions and restrictions at regional airports in the southern cities of Ufa, Kazan, Samara and Krasnodar.

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