

Russian Ballistic Missile Attack Kills 12 in Kyiv

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Firefighters in Kyiv battle a blaze that broke out during a Russian attack on Aug. 20, 2026. **Ukrainian State Emergency Service**

Russian ballistic missiles killed 12 people and injured more than 30 in Kyiv early on Thursday, authorities said, damaging buildings and severing power supply to some parts of the Ukrainian capital.

A fire broke out and the upper floors of a nine-story residential block were destroyed in the city's Solomianskyi district, where seven people were killed, Mayor Vitali Klitschko said, calling for Friday to be observed as a day of mourning.

Two other districts also suffered damage, Klitschko said on Telegram, with non-residential facilities, warehouses, a school and a children's hospital hit.

Power company DTEK said it restored electricity to more than half of the roughly 90,000 homes left without power in the capital following the attack.

The Russian Defense Ministry said it attacked Kyiv and the surrounding region with airstrikes and drones, hitting facilities producing drone components, a military depot and a logistics hub, as well as other targets.

Meanwhile, in Russia, authorities in the republic of Tatarstan [said](#) several people were injured and homes were damaged in a Ukrainian drone attack. They also said work was disrupted at an industrial site but did not provide further details.

Russia has stepped up air attacks on Ukraine in recent months, trying to exploit its smaller neighbor's critical shortage of interceptors to down ballistic missiles.

Ukraine has also increased its attacks on Russia, targeting oil facilities and logistics infrastructure to try to undermine Moscow's ability to wage war.

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