

3 Killed in Russia as Ukraine Sets Wildberries Warehouse Ablaze

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A fire burning at a Wildberries warehouse in the city of Kotovsk, Tambov region. [@exilenova_plus / Telegram](#)

At least three people were killed in drone attacks across Russia on Wednesday as Ukraine struck and set fire to a Wildberries warehouse in the central Tambov region, the second time the facility has been targeted since July.

Tambov Governor Yevgeny Pervyshov [said](#) the blaze “completely” destroyed the Wildberries facility in the city of Kotovsk. One employee sustained a concussion from the blast wave, Pervyshov [said](#) initially, only later to add that a second person was injured.

Wildberries [said](#) it safely evacuated all of its employees from the warehouse. It did not comment on the extent of the damage to the facility.

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Videos and photos [shared](#) on social media showed a large column of black smoke rising from the warehouse and spreading across the morning sky in Kotovsk.

Local officials [asked](#) residents to avoid going outside over the next two days due to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Wildberries warehouse in Kotovsk was [previously struck](#) on July 18, when Ukraine began its air campaign against the online retailer, which it accuses of helping supply the Russian military. Ukraine has also recently started attacking facilities belonging to Wildberries competitor Ozon.

In the neighboring Lipetsk region, a man and a 14-year-old were killed in a fire sparked by a falling drone. Meanwhile, in the southwestern Belgorod region, a woman was killed in a drone attack, local authorities said.

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