

Nearly 9K Ukrainian Drones Targeted Moscow in August, Mayor Says

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Almost 9,000 Ukrainian drones targeted Moscow and the surrounding region in August, Mayor Sergei Sobyenin [said](#) Wednesday.

“Between 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 1 and 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 1, 8,670 drones flew toward the Moscow region,” Sobyenin wrote in a post on Telegram.

He claimed air defenses intercepted the “vast majority” of the unmanned aircraft before they reached the outskirts of the Russian capital, while 795 drones were destroyed on approach to Moscow.

Sobyenin did not disclose how many drones broke through layers of air defense around Moscow or provide figures on casualties or damage caused by falling debris.

He shared a motion graphic video showing lines representing drones launched toward Moscow along the entire Russian-Ukrainian border.

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Aug. 18 marked one of the heaviest drone attacks on Moscow since the 2022 invasion of Ukraine, when Sobyanin said nearly 650 drones were [launched](#) at the city in a single night.

Sobyanin's figures come the day after Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky warned airlines and insurance companies that Ukrainian drones had effectively closed Russia's airspace.

Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said Kyiv had notified the International Civil Aviation Organization that Russian airspace is unsafe for commercial flights.

Russia's Transportation Minister Andrei Nikitin said that civil aviation authorities were working with the military to prevent "any significant disruption" to domestic air travel.

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