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Drones Hit Russia's Gas Hinterland in Northern Siberia for the First Time

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The Zapolyarnoye gas field. **Government.ru / CC BY 4.0**

An industrial facility caught fire in Novy Urengoy, a gas-producing city in northern Russia, following a drone attack, regional Governor Dmitry Artyukhov said on Wednesday, in the first such attack on the country's natural gas hinterland.

Artyukhov did not identify the facility involved.

"Most importantly, there were no fatalities or injuries. The extent and nature of the damage are being determined," he said on the Telegram messaging app.

State-run energy company Gazprom did not reply to a request for comment about the attack on the region, some 3,000 kilometers (1,800 miles) from the Ukrainian border.

Novy Urengoy is Russia's unofficial gas capital, located in the Yamal-Nenets autonomous district in northwestern Siberia.

Gazprom used to export gas from Yamal as far as western Europe until the ties broke down following the start of Russia's war in Ukraine in 2022.

It estimated the region's gas resources at 26.5 trillion cubic meters as of 2020, enough to cover global demand for more than six years.

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