

Northern Russia's Yamalo-Nenets Offers 1M-Ruble Bounty for Downed Drones

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Authorities in northwestern Russia's Yamalo-Nenets autonomous district have established a [reward](#) of 1 million rubles (\$11,700) for reservists who successfully shoot down enemy drones.

It is the highest publicly recorded bounty offered by any Russian region for downing Ukrainian drones, [according](#) to the state-run news agency TASS.

Other regions offer significantly lower rewards, ranging from 20,000 rubles to 200,000 rubles.

Reservists operating in Yamal's mobile firing squads will qualify for an equal share of the bounty if the intercepted drone does not cause damage to local infrastructure, according to a regional decree cited by the agency.

Previously, a one-time reward of 1 million rubles was reportedly awarded to a serviceman in the republic of Chechnya last December.

Located around 2,200 kilometers (1,367 miles) from the Ukrainian border, the natural gas-rich Yamalo-Nenets was [struck](#) by Ukrainian drones for the first time in early September.

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