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Ukrainian Drones Hit Major Oil Transport Hub in Samara Region

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A smoke cloud rising in the morning sky of the southern Samara region following a drone attack on Nov. 2, 2026. **@supernova_plus / Telegram**

Ukrainian drones struck one of Europe's largest oil transport hubs in Russia's Samara region, independent media reported Monday, as local authorities confirmed the overnight attack in the southern region without detailing any damage or casualties.

Samara region Governor Vyacheslav Fedorishchev said early Monday that air defense systems were repelling an air barrage and urged residents not to post photos or videos online.

Samara's Kurumoch International Airport temporarily suspended flights for two hours during the air raid alert.

The exiled news outlet Astra said it used eyewitness photos of a smoke cloud in Samara to identify at least one targeted facility as Transneft's linear production and dispatch station. NASA satellite imagery also showed a large, black plume of smoke rising in the area where the site is located, directly southeast of the regional capital.

The Transneft station spans 216 hectares (534 acres) and has 71 storage tanks with a total capacity of 1.6 million cubic meters. It receives crude from Western Siberia, the republic of Tatarstan, the Orenburg region and Kazakhstan via four pipelines before routing it toward two refineries and the Druzhba export pipeline.

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Monday's attack marks the fifth drone strike on the Transneft production and dispatch station after reported strikes on Oct. 2, 7, 10 and 11.

It also came as Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said a major cyberattack targeted the app it uses to send people warnings about incoming air attacks. Ukraine reported a similar cyberattack on its air raid alert system, which it said sent out false messages about a radiation threat.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it intercepted 212 Ukrainian drones across Russia and annexed Crimea between Sunday evening and Monday morning. Authorities in the Belgorod, Voronezh and Rostov regions reported minor damage and injuries.

In an interview with state TV channel Vesti on Sunday, Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak, who oversees Russia's energy sector, said Ukrainian strikes on Russian refineries were adding to global fuel market imbalances and affecting prices.

That same day, Nizhny Novgorod region Governor Gleb Nikitin said a large-scale Ukrainian drone caused "significant damage" to an industrial facility. He did not identify the site that was hit. The region is home to the NORSI oil refinery, one of Russia's largest.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky also said Sunday that his armed forces had hit the Kamensky plant in Russia's Rostov region, which he said was involved in the manufacture of Russian missiles.

Despite U.S. attempts earlier this month to introduce an energy ceasefire in the war, which is now approaching its fifth year, Russia and Ukraine have continued to target power grid infrastructure, as well as oil refineries and other facilities.

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