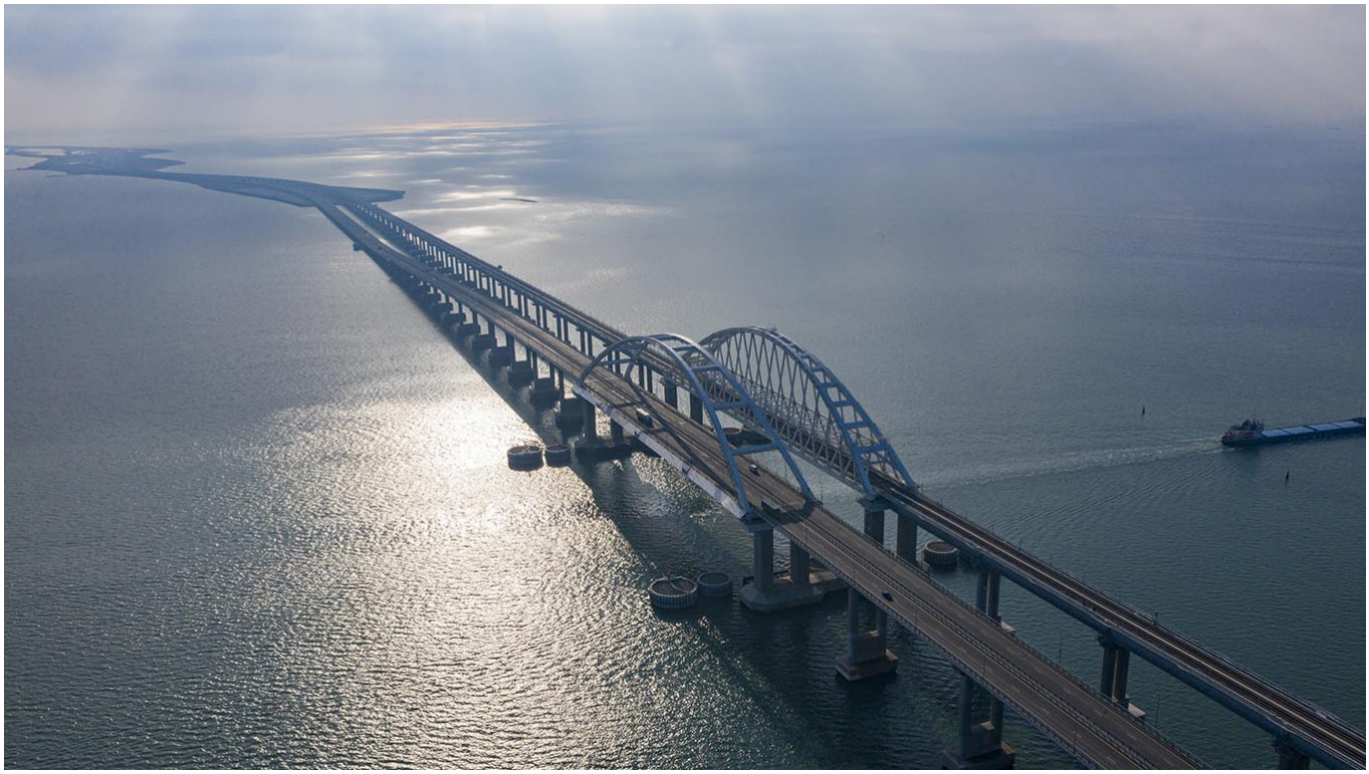
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Ukraine Hits Crimean Bridge Amid Record Overnight Drone Attack

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The Crimean Bridge. **Rosavtodor**

Ukrainian forces have struck the strategic bridge linking Russia to annexed Crimea as part of a record-setting overnight drone attack on Russian regions, officials said Monday.

Kremlin-backed head of Crimea Sergei Aksyonov said automobile traffic would be restricted until at least midday local time while emergency services were deployed to the scene.

Russia's Transportation Ministry said passenger trains continued running normally while engineers were looking into opening a two-way lane for cars. The extent of the damage was not immediately known.

Europe's longest bridge connects Russia with the Crimean peninsula, seized by Russia from Ukraine in 2014. It is widely viewed as one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's signature infrastructure projects. It has been struck several times, including an October 2022 blast in which an explosive-packed truck was detonated on the bridge, causing months of disruption.

Elsewhere, a 59-year-old man was killed in the western Bryansk region when a drone dropped an explosive device on his vehicle. At least six people, including two minors, were injured in the southern Krasnodar region, where authorities reported drone debris falling across 19 addresses.

Fires broke out at four industrial sites in the southern Rostov region city of Azov. The exiled outlet Astra reported that at least two of the sites are located near oil depots.

Kyiv says its retaliatory strikes are justified retribution for Moscow's own missile and drone barrages of its cities and energy grid — attacks that have killed hundreds of civilians and regularly knock out power and heating for millions. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Sunday that Ukrainian forces have disabled more than 55% of Russia's oil refining capacity.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said that 600 drones were sent toward the capital region, with 191 neutralized directly on approach to Moscow and the remainder intercepted at long range.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it intercepted 1,336 Ukrainian drones over Russian regions and Crimea overnight, marking the highest number of interceptions since the start of the 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

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