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Ukrainian Drones Hit Gazprom Refinery in Bashkortostan in Second Record Overnight Attack

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Fire at the Gazprom Neftekhim Salavat plant after Ukrainian drone attack. **@supernova_plus / Telegram**

Ukrainian drones targeted one of Russia's largest oil refineries in the republic of Bashkortostan as part of another record-setting overnight drone attack on Russian regions, officials and media reported Tuesday.

Bashkortostan's emergency situations committee claimed the Defense Ministry, security guards and mobile air defense groups had successfully repelled more than 50 Ukrainian drones.

"All factories are operating as normal and there's no critical damage," it wrote on Telegram.

The exiled outlet Astra analyzed eyewitness footage showing multiple fires and black smoke in the morning sky to identify the targeted facility as the Gazprom Neftekhim Salavat refinery some 1,200 kilometers (746 miles) from the border with Ukraine.

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Founded in 1948, the refinery accounts for 2.7% of Russia's total refining throughput, with gasoline, diesel and kerosene among its vast array of fuel products.

The EU imposed sanctions on the Gazprom Neftekhim Salavat refinery among other Russian energy companies earlier on Monday.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said that 800 drones were sent toward the capital region, with 321 neutralized directly on approach to Moscow and the remainder intercepted at long range.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it intercepted overnight a record 1,441 Ukrainian drones over Russian regions and annexed Crimea, where investigators confirmed the Crimean Bridge suffered damages after the second Ukrainian missile strike in two days.

The barrage marked the highest number of interceptions since the start of the 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine, surpassing Monday's record of 1,336 Ukrainian drones.

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