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Ukrainian Drones Target Krasnodar Region Refineries

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The Afipskiy oil refinery plant in the Krasnodar region. **svtk44**

Two industrial facilities in southern Russia's Krasnodar region caught fire after a drone attack that injured four people, authorities said on Wednesday, with media identifying the targets as two major oil refineries.

“Falling drone debris sparked fires at two facilities,” the Krasnodar region’s emergency center said, adding that the four injured were receiving medical treatment.

The exiled outlet Astra said local residents named the targeted sites as the Afipsky and Ilsky oil refineries, key fuel processing hubs in southern Russia that had been attacked multiple times since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Both are located in the Seversky District, which is where the regional emergency center said the drone attack took place. The Afipsky refinery has a processing capacity of 9.1 million tons of crude per year, while the Ilsky refinery has a design capacity of over 6 million metric tons of oil per year.

Four more residents of the neighboring republic of Adygea were hospitalized with injuries after a drone attack on a settlement less than 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) from the Afipsky refinery.

In the southwestern Belgorod region, authorities said three civilians were killed in cross-border drone attacks over the past 24 hours.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it intercepted 183 Ukrainian drones over Russian regions overnight. This followed two consecutive nights of record-setting drone attacks on Russian regions and annexed Crimea ahead of the first Russia-China-U.S. summit this Thursday.

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