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Daytime Ukrainian Attack Injures 11 in Kursk

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At least 11 people were injured in a daytime Ukrainian attack on the southwestern Russian city of Kursk, Kursk region Governor Alexander Khinshtein said Thursday.

He said falling debris and blast waves from unidentified weapons damaged an apartment building, private homes, a regional court, a central library, a medical college and the facade of a trauma center.

"Fortunately, all of the victims sustained minor injuries," Khinshtein said, attaching photos and videos of himself touring the aftermath.

"The enemy is actively testing our resolve, but we're only getting stronger," he said in a video interview.

Khinshtein accused Ukraine of attempting to "sow panic, intimidate and undermine trust" by launching attacks in broad daylight. He maintained that there were no facilities of military

interest near the sites of the attack.

The barrage comes amid a sharp rise inside Russia from Ukrainian attacks, with 44 of this year's 583 fatalities occurring in the Kursk region.

Elsewhere on Thursday, local authorities said Russian air defense systems repelled a Ukrainian drone attack on an oil facility in the republic of Tatarstan.

"An oil facility was targeted," said Gyuzel Khabutdinova, head of the Almetyevsk District, noting that an automatic fire suppression system "prevented a major fire" and caused no casualties in coordination with the security services.

The exiled outlet Astra said it analyzed eyewitness footage to identify the targeted facility as the Transneft pipeline's Kelykino pumping station, which was previously attacked in February. The pipeline hub is located 1,300 kilometers (800 miles) from Russia's border with Ukraine.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it intercepted 53 Ukrainian drones over Russian regions overnight. Kyiv has stepped up strikes on Russian energy and transport infrastructure ahead of the first Russian-Chinese-U.S. summit in Shenzhen on Thursday.

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