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3 Killed in Bridge Strikes on Kyiv, Mayor Says

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Smoke rises in the city during a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv, Ukraine November 20, 2026. **REUTERS / Gleb Garanich**

A Russian ballistic missile attack struck three bridges on Kyiv's Dnipro River and killed three people, the city's mayor said on Friday, in what was the biggest attack on routes connecting the left and right banks of Ukraine's capital since the start of the war.

The missiles hit the Podilsko-Voskresenskyi Bridge crossing, as well as the Darnytskyi and Pivdennyi bridges, Mayor Vitali Klitschko said on Telegram, resulting in closures or traffic restrictions on six main bridges used by the city's commuters.

Three people were killed, and 15 others were injured, he added.

The strikes, which also caused fires and damaged critical infrastructure and buildings, come as Russian President Vladimir Putin promised to hit back hard after Ukraine hit the bridge

linking Russia and Crimea for a third time this week. A Reuters witness in Kyiv heard a series of explosions in the early hours of Friday.

Five people were also injured in the Dnipropetrovsk region after drones hit apartment buildings, and four others were wounded in Kharkiv after Russian drones hit a hospital. One person was also wounded in a drone attack on a tram in Zaporizhzhia, local officials said on Telegram.

Reuters could not immediately confirm the reports. Russia denies deliberately targeting civilians.

The strikes follow warnings from European allies on Thursday against any attempt to decide a peace settlement over their heads, after President Donald Trump embraced Russia's Vladimir Putin as a “friend” at a summit with Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

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