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# Ukrainian Drones Target Smolensk Region Fertilizer Plant

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A burning chemical plant in the city of Dorogobuzh after a Ukrainian drone attack. **@exilenova_plus / Telegram**

Ukrainian drones attacked a chemical and fertilizer plant in western Russia's Smolensk region overnight, Ukraine's military officers and exiled Russian media reported Friday.

Smolensk region Governor Vasily Anokhin said a "civilian industrial facility" was damaged alongside an energy site and a private home as Russian air defenses intercepted 32 Ukrainian drones. He said there were no casualties.

The attacked site was the Dorogobuzh chemical plant, according to Robert "Magyar" Brovdi, commander of Ukraine's Unmanned Systems Forces. He said it was the 40th Russian oil and defense industry target in the last 50 days.

The exiled outlet Astra published nighttime video of what it said was an explosion at Dorogobuzh, which is owned by Russian billionaire Vyacheslav Kantor's Acron Group and accounts for around 11% of Russia's ammonium nitrate production. The compound is used

both in agricultural fertilizers and industrial explosives.

Dorogobuzh was previously targeted by Ukrainian drones in December and February, when it killed seven people. Brovdi said Dorogobuzh was also struck on Nov. 10.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it intercepted 310 Ukrainian drones across the country overnight, while Kremlin-installed officials in occupied eastern Ukraine reported three deaths.

Meanwhile, at least eight people were killed and 28 wounded across Ukraine in overnight Russian attacks, including six fatalities in Kyiv, said Prime Minister Sergii Koretskyi.

Russia's Defense Ministry said its forces struck Ukrainian defense industry sites, energy infrastructure, road and rail bridges over the Dnipro River in Kyiv, as well as port facilities and a cargo vessel carrying military equipment in the Odesa region.

The strikes came after Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed a "much more painful" response to Ukrainian attacks that severed the roadway of the Crimean Bridge on Thursday.

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