

Married Couple Killed in Ukrainian Drone Strike on Russia's Belgorod Region

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Aftermath of a drone attack in the Belgorod region. t.me/vvgladkov

A young couple was killed in a Ukrainian drone strike while driving in southwestern Russia's Belgorod region, Russian authorities [said](#) Wednesday.

Belgorod region Governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said the latest attack took place in the village of Tserkovny, less than 10 kilometers from the border with northeastern Ukraine's Kharkiv region.

"As a result of a car fire, the couple died at the scene before the ambulance arrived," Gladkov wrote on Telegram.

Russia's Defense Ministry [said](#) its air defense systems had "destroyed" a Ukrainian drone over the Belgorod region at around 1:35 p.m. Moscow time. It did not say whether there was any damage on the ground.

Gladkov later [added](#) that drones attacked four other towns in the region, damaging homes but

not leading to any deaths or injuries.

On Tuesday, he [announced](#) that Russia's military would set up checkpoints and restrict access to 14 border towns due to continuing cross-border attacks. The restrictions will take effect starting next Tuesday.

More than 200 civilians have been [killed](#) and 1,100 wounded in the Belgorod region since Russia invaded Ukraine in early 2022.

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