

# Deadly Shelling in Ukraine's Pokrovsk as Russia Inches Closer

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A damaged car is seen along a road following shelling in Pokrovsk, eastern Donetsk region, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. June 24, 2024. **Roman PILIPEY / AFP**

Russian shelling killed one person in the eastern Ukrainian city of Pokrovsk on Sunday, local authorities said, as Moscow's troops inched closer to the key logistics hub.

"Around 11 am , the enemy shelled the western part of the city... Unfortunately, one person died," Pokrovsk's military administration said on Telegram.

The administration also said that Russia fired artillery at a building near a petrol station in the city earlier in the day, but did not give details about the damage.

This comes as Russia has been advancing towards Pokrovsk for months, getting to within 10 kilometers (six miles) of its eastern outskirts, according to the local administration.

More than 20,000 people have fled the city since August, while Russian strikes over the past

two weeks have cut off water and electricity to many of the remaining residents.

The city lies on the intersection of rail and road routes that supply Ukrainian troops and towns across the eastern frontline and has long been a target for Moscow's army.

Russian strikes damaged two overpasses in the city earlier this week, including one that connected Pokrovsk to the neighboring town of Myrnohrad, local media reported.

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