

Crimea Oil Depot Burns 3 Days After Ukraine Strike

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Smoke billows from a fire-hit oil tank farm in the Black Sea coast city of Feodosia, southeastern Crimea.
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A major oil terminal in the city of Feodosia in Russian-annexed Crimea was still burning three days after Ukrainian missile strikes, media reported Wednesday.

On Monday, Ukraine's military claimed its missile forces had carried out a successful strike on the Feodosia offshore oil terminal, which it called the largest on the Crimean peninsula. Russian-installed authorities said there were no casualties.

The fire [spread](#) from the initial 800 square meters to 2,500 square meters as of early Wednesday, according to the government newspaper Rossiiskaya Gazeta.

Feodosia's Russian-installed mayor Igor Tkachenko [said](#) 1,129 people have been evacuated from the affected area. Crimea's Russian-installed leader Sergei Aksyonov promised to compensate residents for property damage.

Despite assurances that air quality poses no threat to nearby residents, the local consumer protection watchdog [reported](#) high levels of sulfur dioxide in one of its air samples near the flames.

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Pantsir-S short-range air defense systems have been deployed at the oil terminal since at least the fall of 2022, according to satellite images shared by the Russian-language edition of the RFE/RL news organization.

The outlet later [reported](#) that the terminal was nationalized by Russia's occupation authorities and sold in 2019 to a company linked to President Vladimir Putin's university friend Viktor Khmarin.

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