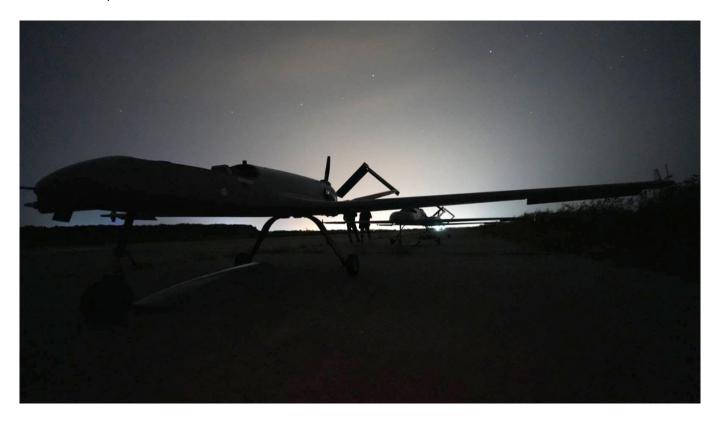


In First, Ukrainian Drones Attack Russia's Dagestan

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Ukrainian drones. General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine

Ukrainian drones targeted the North Caucasus republic of Dagestan, media reported and authorities <u>reported</u> early Wednesday, in the first such attack on the region since Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

"This morning, air defense forces destroyed an unmanned aerial vehicle over Kaspiysk," Dagestan head Sergei Melikov said on Telegram.

Kaspiysk, a port city named after the Caspian Sea, is located around 800 kilometers (500 miles) southeast of the border with Ukraine.

Despite Melikov's pleas against sharing photos and videos of the attack, which he warned "could assist the enemies," videos published on social media showed the flights and downing of what may have been more than one drone over Kaspiysk.

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Baza, a Telegram channel with links to Russia's security services, <u>claimed</u> that a total of four drones had targeted the city.

It added that a 16-year-old girl was hospitalized with shrapnel wounds after one of the attacks. Regional health authorities later <u>confirmed</u> Baza's report to state-run news <u>agencies</u>.

One of the drones may have <u>exploded</u> over the garrison of the Russian Navy's Caspian Flotilla, according to videos published by the independent Telegram news channel Astra.

Russia's Defense Ministry <u>said</u> it destroyed two drones over other regions overnight but did not immediately comment on the attacks in Dagestan.

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