

Russian defenses down 45 Ukrainian drones launched over western regions of Russia

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Moscow, August 21 (QNA) – Russian defenses have shot down 45 Ukrainian drones that were launched over several western regions of Russia.

According to a statement from Russia's Defense Ministry, 11 drones were shot down over Moscow Oblast last night, 23 drones were destroyed over Bryansk Oblast, 6 drones over Belgorod Oblast, 3 drones over Kaluga Oblast, and 2 drones over Kursk.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin announced that 4 were shot down over the surrounding Moscow region as they approached the city, adding that no damage or injuries were reported.

In a separate statement, Sobyanin mentioned that air defenses later thwarted another attack involving two drones over Podolsk, which were also heading toward Moscow.

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Ukraine has intensified its drone attacks on Russian territories in recent months.

Russia began a special military operation in Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022. The conflict shows no signs of ending, as Moscow maintains that the operation will persist until all its goals are met.