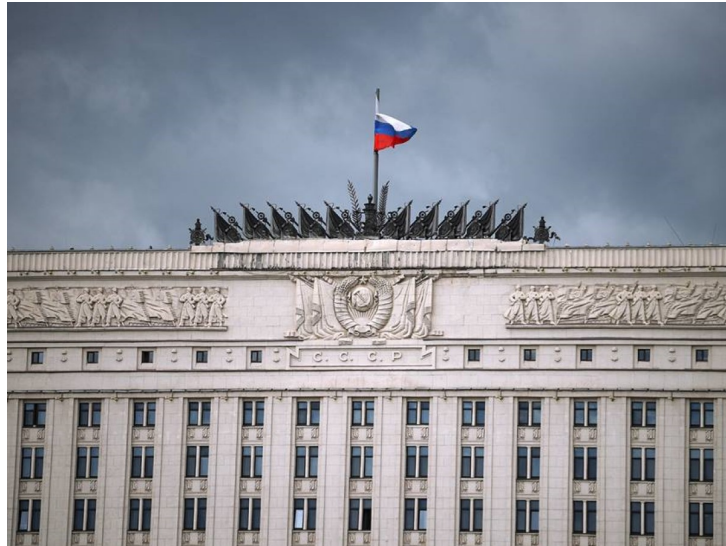

Russian Air Defense downs 89 Ukrainian drones across regions



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Moscow, March 09 (QNA) – The Russian Defense Ministry announced that its air defense forces destroyed 89 Ukrainian drones over the territories of several regions.

The ministry said in a statement that 52 drones were destroyed over the territory of Belgorod region, 13 drones over the territory of Lipetsk region, nine drones over the territory of Rostov region, eight drones over the territory of Belgorod region, three drones over the territory of

Voronezh Belgorod region, three drones over the territory of Astrakhan region, and one drone over the territory of Krasnodar region.

Since the conflict began in February 2022, Russia and Ukraine have regularly claimed to have shot down each other's drones. However, verifying these claims has proven challenging due to the ongoing war, which restricts access to the frontline areas and complicates the process of confirming the information