

## Russia Says 194 Ukrainian Drones Intercepted Near Moscow Region



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MOSCOW/KIEV, June 18— Russian authorities said a large-scale Ukrainian drone attack targeted the Moscow region, causing damage to residential and commercial properties and leaving one person injured, while air defense systems intercepted 194 drones approaching the capital.

Regional Governor Andrei Vorobyov said emergency services, police, medical teams and local officials were deployed to affected areas as drones were intercepted from Wednesday night into

Thursday morning. Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin confirmed on social media that incoming drones were shot down as they approached the city, describing the situation as under control.

A woman sustained a minor shoulder injury after debris from a downed drone struck a private home in the village of Stepanovo near Elektrostal. Authorities reported damage to buildings in Zhukovsky, Lyubertsy, Chekhov and Pavlovsky Posad districts. Four major airports serving Moscow temporarily suspended arrivals and departures as a precaution during the incident.

Separately, Russia's defense ministry said its forces carried out high-precision strikes overnight on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, including fuel storage facilities in Kyiv region and the Zaturyno oil refinery in Poltava region. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Ukrainian forces struck an oil refinery in Moscow region for a second time this week, describing the action as a response to Russian attacks on Ukrainian cities and infrastructure. Both sides continue to report intensified strikes amid ongoing hostilities.