# Ukraine Destroys Russian Drone Base Near Krasnodar, Moscow Silent on Incident



## Ukraine Claims Destruction of Russian Drone Base

Ukraine has declared the successful destruction of a Russian warehouse that was utilized for launching Iranian-made drones and training cadets. The incident reportedly took place on the night of June 21, 2023, near a Russian airfield in the southern Krasnodar region. Moscow has not yet commented on these claims.

Satellite images, provided by Planet Labs, confirm damage to facilities used for the Shahed-136/Geran-2 unmanned aerial vehicles. Ukrainian Navy officials stated that this operation resulted in casualties among cadets and instructors and was a coordinated effort with Ukrainian intelligence.

This base was located on the Sea of Azov, opposite Mariupol, a city currently under Russian control. The released satellite photos show extensive damage to the warehouses as a result of the attack.

In other developments, Russian forces claimed to have intercepted 114 Ukrainian drones targeting oil refineries and military sites in the south, resulting in one casualty due to debris. Concurrently, a Ukrainian missile attack on Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014, reportedly killed two people and injured 22, according to Russian-installed officials.

Further drone attacks by Ukraine on Russia’s Belgorod region resulted in one death and three injuries. In Kyiv, a Russian missile and drone strike injured two people and damaged numerous buildings. Ukraine’s air force intercepted two out of three missiles aimed at the region.

In his nightly address, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky appealed for advanced air defense systems from Western allies, specifically mentioning the US-made Patriot systems.

This event is part of a broader context of ongoing hostilities between Russia and Ukraine, with President Vladimir Putin maintaining a strong stance and engaging in military exercises, while Ukraine, backed by Western support, seeks to reclaim its territories.

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