

WAR IN UKRAINE

# RUSSIA LAUNCHES MASS ATTACK AMID TALKS



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A soldier tests land drones Saturday in Zaporizhzhia region of Ukraine.

## Energy facilities struck; Zelenskyy speaks with US officials via phone

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KYIV, Ukraine — Russia unleashed a major missile and drone barrage on Ukraine overnight into Saturday, while Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he had a “substantive phone call” with American officials engaged in talks with a Ukrainian delegation in Florida, aimed at ending the nearly 4-year war.

Russia used 653 drones and 51 missiles in the wide-reaching overnight attack on Ukraine, which triggered air raid alerts across the country and came as Ukraine marked Armed Forces Day, the country’s air force said Saturday morning.

Ukrainian forces shot down and neutralized 585 drones and 30 missiles, the air force said, adding that 29 locations were struck.

At least eight people were wounded in the attacks, Ukrainian Minister of Internal Affairs Ihor Klymenko said. Drone sightings were reported as far west as Ukraine’s Lviv region.

Russia carried out a “massive missile-drone attack” on power stations and

other energy infrastructure in several Ukrainian regions, Ukraine’s national energy operator, Ukrenergo, wrote on Telegram.

Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant temporarily lost all off-site power overnight, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Saturday, citing its Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi.

The plant is in an area that has been under Russian control since early in Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine and is not in service, but it needs reliable power to cool its six shutdown reactors and spent fuel to avoid catastrophic nuclear incidents.

Zelenskyy said energy facilities were the main targets of the attacks, noting a drone strike “burned down” the train station in the city of Fastiv in the Kyiv region.

Russia’s Ministry of Defense said its air defenses shot down 116 Ukrainian drones over Russian territory overnight into Saturday.

Russian Telegram news channel Astra said Ukraine struck Russia’s Ryazan Oil Refinery, sharing footage appearing to show a fire breaking out and plumes of smoke rising above the refinery. The As-

sociated Press could not independently verify the video.

The General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces later said Ukrainian forces struck the refinery. Ryazan regional Gov. Pavel Malkov said a residential building was damaged in a drone attack and drone debris fell on the grounds of an “industrial facility,” but did not mention the refinery.

Months of Ukrainian long-range drone strikes on Russian refineries aimed to deprive Moscow of the oil export revenue it needs to pursue the war.

Meanwhile, Kyiv and its Western allies say Russia is trying to cripple the Ukrainian power grid and deny civilians access to heat, light and running water for a fourth consecutive winter, in what Ukrainian officials call “weaponizing” the cold.

Meanwhile, Bulgarian maritime authorities launched efforts Saturday to evacuate the crew of the oil tanker Kairos stranded off the Black Sea port of Ahtopol and believed to be part of the “shadow fleet” used by Russia to evade international sanctions linked to its war in Ukraine.

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## State Supreme Court to weigh in on ICE detainment

Justices will determine whether county sheriffs can hold immigrants for feds

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MADISON — The state Supreme Court will consider whether a handful of Wisconsin county sheriffs are violating immigrants’ civil rights by detaining them in their jails at the request of federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

On Wednesday, at least four justices agreed to take up a case filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin and immigrant rights group Voces de la

Frontera against five sheriffs who have agreed to hold people sought for immigration action or deportation.

The announcement did not say how the justices voted, but liberals hold a 4-3 majority, and conservative justices Annette Ziegler and Rebecca Bradley dissented.

Parties to the case have 30 days to file briefs with the Supreme Court.

In a statement, ACLU senior staff attorney Tim Muth praised the court for taking up the case directly, noting the time-sensitive nature of the lawsuit.

“ICE continues to send hundreds of these detainees to Wisconsin jails, and people throughout the state are being illegally held for days so that ICE can pick them up,” Muth said. “ICE sends detain-

ers even for people who have never been convicted and only have minor charges pending in Wisconsin courts.”

The lawsuit, filed in September, argues that when county sheriffs detain people for immigration offenses after any holds for state law violations expire, that constitutes a new arrest, which state law does not allow them to make.

State law expressly prohibits local law enforcement from making civil arrests, except for in narrow cases, the lawsuit states.

The five sheriffs named in the lawsuit are: Dave Gerber of Walworth County; Todd Delain of Brown County; Chad Bil- leb of Marathon County; David Zoerner of Kenosha County; and Chip Meister of Sauk County.

Sam Hall, one of the attorneys for the sheriffs, told The Associated Press they were reviewing the court’s order and evaluating next steps.

“We are confident, however, that Wisconsin sheriffs who honor ICE detainees do so fully within the bounds of Wisconsin law and the federal legal framework governing immigration enforcement,” he said in an email to the AP.

Honoring an ICE detainer means the sheriff agrees to hold the person for 48 hours after they otherwise should have been released under state law. The goal of detainees is to give ICE agents more time to pick someone up if they are suspected of being in the country illegally.

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