

Kyiv says Russia targeting grain infrastructure after pulling out of export deal

Ukraine accused Russia of targeting its grain export infrastructure in overnight strikes at two of its Black Sea ports.

Russia targeted the Odesa region for the second consecutive night, a day after it ended its cooperation in an agreement that allowed vital Ukrainian grain exports to leave port. Ukraine's air force said Russia launched 63 missiles and drones across the country, 37 of which it was able to shoot down. Ukraine is usually able to shoot down a higher percentage of them in recent months.

"Russian terrorists absolutely deliberately targeted the infrastructure of the grain deal," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Telegram. "Every Russian missile is a strike not only on Ukraine but on everyone in the world who wants [a] normal and safe life."

Serhiy Bratchuk, a spokesman for the Odesa military, described the attack as "very powerful, truly massive," and called it "a hellish night."

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