

Russia says drone attack on Kremlin was attempt to kill Putin; Kyiv denies involvement: Live updates

Fragments of two Ukrainian drones fell into the Kremlin, causing a fireball near the roof of one building early Wednesday, the Russian government said in a statement. Kyiv denied any involvement.

The statement said no one was injured in what it described as a “terrorist act,” and it threatened retaliation for what was characterized as an assassination attempt on the country’s leader. Russian President Vladimir Putin was at his Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow at the time, his spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Russia’s state news agency RIA Novosti.

“Last night, the Kyiv regime made an attempt to strike with unmanned aerial vehicles on the Kremlin residence of the President of the Russian Federation,” the statement said. The fragments struck the Kremlin after the drones were shot down by Russia’s military, the government said.

Videos showed one flying object exploding over the Kremlin around 2:30 a.m. and a second one 15 minutes later detonating as it approached a domed building. There was no evidence Ukraine was linked to either incident.

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