

Russia-Ukraine war live: Russia's biggest drone strike in weeks hits Ukrainian infrastructure

Ukraine claims to have shot down 24 out of 40 drones launched by Russia; Anthony Blinken urges Russia not to resume nuclear testing

Summary of the day so far ...

- **Russia launched its largest drone attack on Ukraine for weeks early on Friday, hitting critical infrastructure in the west and south of Ukraine and destroying private houses and commercial buildings in Kharkiv.** The Ukrainian air force said it shot down 24 "Shahed" drones out of 40 launched by Russia, with Kharkiv, Odesa, Kherson, Ivano-Frankivsk and Lviv among the targets.
- **Ukraine's air force said the latest drones were launched in several waves and flew to different regions in small groups. Air alerts in some regions lasted for several hours during the night.** No casualties were reported, but **Lviv's** governor said an infrastructure facility had been hit five times during the attacks on his region, a military facility was hit in **Ivano-Frankivsk**, and **Kharkiv's** governor said drones had hit civilian infrastructure and caused fires in and near the city of Kharkiv.
- **Officials say Ukraine is bracing for a second winter of Russian air strikes on the energy system, which they warn is more vulnerable than it was last year as it has less excess capacity and little in the way of spare equipment.** "We realise that as winter approaches, Russian terrorists will try to do more damage. We will respond to the enemy," president **Volodymyr Zelenskiy** said of the attack.

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