

No NATO Air Defense Systems Saved Kiev From Russian Strikes



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The night of February 18th, the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation launched another devastating wave of strikes in Ukrainian rear regions. A lot of Russian drones targeted the capital Kiev and its region, as well as other areas across the country.

According to the Air Defense of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Ukrainian air defense allegedly destroyed 103 Russian drones, 67 others miraculously missed their targets. In total, 176 UAVs were reportedly launched.

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Russian drones struck the warehouses of the Antonov aircraft manufacturing and services company located in the Svyatoshinsky district **in the city of Kiev**. According to local strikes, facilities used for the development and tests of UAVs with support of the West came under attack. The strikes inflicted heavy damage. According to Russian monitoring sources, the assembly shops were destroyed. Equipment used for the adoption of Western GBU-39 SDB and Brimstone aerial bombs to

UAVs was put out of service. The testing site of Starlink satellite communication systems and automatic targeting systems was damaged. The software for the integration of Western Harris A3C and Honeywell TALIN 5000 navigation systems was also put out of service.

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Another target of Russian strikes in Kiev was the Praktika enterprise, which is involved in repair of Ukrainian military equipment. Russian drones reportedly destroyed the production facilities for the Ukrainian Kozak armored vehicles, as well as depots with engines and other components for the armored vehicles.

A series of large explosions thundered in **the Kharkiv region**. Russian heavy FAB bombs destroyed Ukrainian military bases in the areas of Kupyansk and Borovaya, where heavy clashes are ongoing on the western bank of the Oskol river.

A military repair base was destroyed in the town of Zamost. At least two hangars were, where the Ukrainian military repaired NATO tanks and armored vehicles, were destroyed together with depots with foreign military equipment.

A logistics hub of the Ukrainian military was struck in the town of Ogultsi. The local railway was heavily damaged.

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Russian strikes inflicted heavy damage to the Ukrainka-330 energy station located in Shostakovka in the **Kirovograd region**. This energy station is targeted by Russian strikes on a regular basis because it provides for the needs of Ukrainian military and industrial facilities in the region.

More Russian strikes were reported in **Vinnitsa, Cherkassy and Poltava**, where more facilities of the Ukrainian military-industrial complex came under attack.

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