

Russian missile and drone attack on night of June 16-17



Ukraine Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko examining site of Russian missile attack in Kyiv on the night of June 16-17.

On Monday night and early Tuesday, Russia fired 440 drones and 32 missiles at Kyiv and other cities in Ukraine, in what President Zelenskyy said was one of the largest attacks in the war. One of the buildings hit was a large nine-floor apartment building in Kyiv. At least 28 people were killed in the attack, 23 of whom were in the building and 5 elsewhere in the city. More than 150 were injured and the authorities continue to search for additional victims. As in the case of previous attacks on non-military structures such as apartment buildings, schools, and hospitals, the attack was obviously not the result of drones and missiles that accidentally missed nearby military targets but, rather, a deliberate effort to inflict civilian casualties in order to create public pressure in Ukraine to end the war.

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