Russian cruise missile crashes in Poland

Last night a Russian missile crashed and exploded in a field in the small town of Przewodów in Poland. The town is a few miles west of the border between Ukraine and Poland and about 50 miles north of the Ukrainian city of Lviv. Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said the missile was probably a Russian Kh-101 air-launched cruise missile. He told an emergency meeting of the government that the missile was carrying explosives and had caused a 32-foot crater. Fortunately, it landed in a field and there were no injuries. Nevertheless, Tusk rightly said "this is a very serious matter." European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen agreed and said it was another "unacceptable violation" of the EU's airspace. NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte likewise said the incident was a "violation of Poland's airspace" and "yet another reckless act by Russia and a dangerous consequence of its war against Ukraine."

And although the news of a Russian missile landing in Poland captured all the headlines today, that wasn't the worst of last night's attack. After having warned of an impending "massive attack" by Russia, President Zelenskyy subsequently said that Russia had launched 70 cruise and ballistic missiles and more than 280 drones in the attack, that dozens of homes, businesses, and infrastructure facilities had been damaged or destroyed in the attack, and that at least eight people, including three children, had been killed in the attack.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz spoke for many when he said, “We strongly condemn the massive attacks on Ukraine. Many civilians had to lose their lives once again. And the strike in Poland also testifies to Russian recklessness and willingness to escalate. We stand unwaveringly by our partners.” Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen likewise said, “I strongly condemn the Russian attack killing civilians in Ukraine and the violation of Polish airspace. Russia’s war is a threat to our collective European security. Denmark stands by Ukraine and Poland. We must increase our support for Ukraine and the pressure on Russia.” She’s right.

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