Kyiv hit again in another large Russian missile & drone attack

Kyiv in the midst of last night's Russian drone & missile attack.

Last night and early this morning, Russia carried out yet another large-scale missile and drone attack – the third in the past week – against Kyiv and other cities in Ukraine. The Ukrainian Air Force reported that Russia fired 24 ballistic missiles, four hypersonic Zircon or supersonic Oniks cruise missiles, and 115 drones in the attack. (Mach 1 is the speed of sound, about 770 miles per hour at sea level. Supersonic means moving faster than the speed of sound but less than Mach 5, which is about 3800 miles per hour. Hypersonic means moving faster than Mach 5 but less than Mach 10, which is about 7600 miles per hour.) In short, they were exceptionally fast missiles – so fast that they couldn't be shot down. At least 17 people were killed and 44 were injured in the attack. In a post on X reporting on the attack, President Zelenskyy again pleaded for more missile interceptors for the Patriot missile defense systems provided by the U.S.: "Ballistic missile interceptors could have saved the lives of those killed today. It is very important that our partners understand that delays in supplying them, or an unwillingness to provide anti-ballistic systems, lead directly to such horrific casualties and destruction." He reportedly asked President Trump for 300 more Patriot interceptor missiles when he met with him at the White House last week.

The Ukraine Air Force reported that Russia fired a total of 381 missiles at Ukraine in July, the most in any month since the war began. 126 were ballistic missiles and 255 were cruise missiles. It also reported that Russia fired a total of 4,956 long-range attack drones at Ukraine in July. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko reported that 56 Kyiv residents were killed and 220 were wounded in the Russian missile and drone attacks on the city in July.

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