



Kiev's Drones Strike Siberia 2,000 km Beyond the Border

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Sunday, June 21, 2026 — Ukraine's military strategy has seen a significant geographical and technological evolution. With an unprecedented long-distance attack, Kiev's drones reached the **Tyumen refinery**, located in Western Siberia, pushing approximately two thousand kilometers from the Ukrainian border.

The operation demonstrates the Ukrainian forces' ability to strike deep into the economic and infrastructural heart of the Russian Federation, bypassing air defense systems over a continental range. Shortly after the attack, President Volodymyr Zelensky confirmed the effectiveness of Ukraine's long-range systems, hinting at the use of new carriers capable of reaching even 3,000 km away.



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The Details of the Tyumen Raid and Economic Impact

The governor of the Tyumen region, Alexander Moor, stated on Telegram that the attack was repelled by air defenses and that the refinery did not suffer structural damage, although personnel were urgently evacuated. However, geolocated videos and images from the independent Russian media *Astra* show dense smoke columns and the activation of the plant's emergency protocols.

The Tyumen plant has an estimated capacity of between 7.5 and 9 million tons of crude oil per year and is one of the most modern hubs in Western Siberia. According to the newspaper *Kommersant*, the psychological and logistical pressure of this drone campaign is already having internal repercussions: in the Moscow region, AI 95 and AI 92 gasoline prices have seen the strongest surge since March.



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Logistical Squeeze Between Crimea and Kherson

Parallel to the long-range raids, Kiev is carrying out the so-called *middle strikes* (medium-range attacks) in the occupied south. The primary goal is to isolate Crimea, effectively turning it into a logistical island no longer subject to Russian supply flows.

Ukrainian forces have struck the road bridge over the Henichesk Strait, a vital artery connecting Crimea to the occupied Kherson region, widely used by Moscow to move units and armaments to the front line. Additionally, the commander of the Unmanned Systems Forces, Robert "Madyar" Brovdi, confirmed the bombing of four gas compression plants in Crimea, as well as 13 logistical targets scattered across the Kherson, Donetsk, and Luhansk regions. Ukrainian sources report that, due to these raids, Moscow's troops are encountering increasing difficulties in the Dnipro delta, where constantly targeted communication lines hinder the transport of ammunition, supplies, and men.



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Diplomatic Escalation and Moscow's Threats

Political reactions to the extension of Ukraine's range of action were swift, inflaming both the Moscow-Kiev axis and internal relations within the bloc of Western allies.

On the Russian front, Dmitry Medvedev reacted harshly, stating that, in light of these deep territory attacks, for Moscow “there are no more rules” regarding the Kiev government.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky issued a stern ultimatum to Belarusian leader Aleksandr Lukashenko, demanding the removal of repeaters that correct Russian drone routes within a week, under penalty of direct Ukrainian intervention.

Simultaneously, there is significant diplomatic tension between Ukraine and Poland: Warsaw expressed deep disappointment with Kiev over issues related to historical and diplomatic honors, reopening old political fractures between the two neighboring countries.

The combination of strategic strikes in Siberia and the logistical blockade in the southern quadrant confirms how Kiev aims to wear down Russia's energy value chain to reduce the conflict's funding capabilities, heedless of the Kremlin's warnings and threats of total retaliation.