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Drone strike sets fire to russian factory making missile microchips, Ukraine says

Удар дрону підпалив російський завод із виробництва ракетних мікрочіпів, -заявила Україна

«New York Post» повідомив про ще один завод з виробництва мікрочіпів у брянській області, якій зазнав нічного удару безпілотною. У місті Люберці московської області після атаки дрона 1 вересня розпочалася пожежа в цеху науково-виробничого підприємства томилінський електронний завод, де виготовляють комплектуючі для ракет, якими обстрілюють Україну. Цей завод входить в санкційний список України. Представник Головного управління розвідки МОУ Андрій Юсов зазначив, що російська пропаганда видала "на гора" чергову брехню про збитий дрон та підтвердив, що у Люберцях дійсно "розквітла бавовна" на російському заводі.

<https://nypost.com/2023/09/01/drone-strikes-sets-fire-to-russian-factory-making-microchips-for-missiles-ukraine/>

A drone struck and set on fire a Russian factory that churns out microchips used in the production of missiles on the outskirts of Moscow on Friday, Ukraine's military intelligence claimed.

Videos shared on social media showed a column of thick smoke rising over the suburb of Lyubertsy where the factory is located.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin claimed in a post on his Telegram channel that the Russian capital's air defense systems shot down the drone.

"Based on initial reports, there were no casualties or damage. Emergency services are working at the scene of the incident," he wrote.

But Andriy Yusov, a representative of Ukraine's Main Directorate of Intelligence, dismissed the mayor's version of events as a lie.

"Sobyanin lied to everyone, [Russia's] air defense took nothing down. The Tomilino Electronic Factory in Lyubertsy is on fire. This is the facility Russians use to produce electronics for their missiles," Yusov was quoted by the news outlet RBC Ukraine as saying.

There has been a flurry of drone strikes across Russia this week, including in the regions of Kursk and Belgorod and in the city of Pskov located more than 430 miles from Ukraine's border with Russia.

Ukraine typically does not claim responsibility for drone attacks within Russia, although Kyiv officials have been known to publicly express satisfaction with them.

On Wednesday, another microchip factory in the Bryansk region was targeted in a nighttime drone strike.

The unmanned aircraft was said to have been downed by air defenses and fell on the Kremny EL factory, reported the news Telegram channel Mash, which shared footage of a powerful explosion that lit up the sky.

A fire ignited at one of the buildings on the sprawling campus of the plant — one of the largest microelectronic factories in Russia that employs some 2,000 workers, according to military blogger Romanov Light.