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The iconic Crimea Bridge was attacked as Russia reported the largest Ukrainian drone attack of the war.

CHENNAI – 17 Nov, 2026 Russia has reported the largest Ukrainian drone attack since the beginning of the war, in which a symbolic bridge connecting Russia to the occupied Crimea suffered minor damage, and several oil refineries were also attacked.

Officials said the Russian military intercepted and destroyed 2,049 drones and four Flamingo long-range missiles in 24 hours. Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin further stated that about 600 drones flew towards the capital alone.

Meanwhile, air raid warnings were issued for Kyiv 17 times in a single day, setting a record. At least seven people were killed by Russian attacks, and attacks on energy infrastructure caused power outages for 50,000 people.

These intense attacks took place a few days after U.S., Ukrainian, and Russian envoys held negotiations aimed at ending the war.

The war in Ukraine began with Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Sergei Aksyonov, the Moscow-appointed leader of Crimea, confirmed that drones attacked the Crimean Bridge, which connects Russia's mainland territory to the annexed peninsula, leading to traffic restrictions.



This structure - also known as the Kerch Bridge - was built after Russia occupied and annexed the peninsula in 2014. It was inaugurated with great fanfare by Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2018 and is carefully protected by multi-layered air and sea defenses.