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Canadian volunteer in Ukraine survives missile strikes after Russian retreat

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The war in Ukraine hit uncomfortably close to home — literally — for Canadian volunteer Alex Nau when Russia unleashed a wave of retaliatory missile strikes in response to the lightning-swift advance of Ukrainian troops in the eastern part of the country.

Between Sunday night and Monday morning, four ultra-modern hypersonic missiles landed within metres of the apartment building he calls home in the southern Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia.

Nau said there's a sense of joy on the streets now that more towns and villages have been pulled from the iron-fisted grip of the Russian army — tempered by a heavy sense of dread as the two militaries trade blows.

"It's like we're winning the war right now, and it's like Russia's kind of crumbling under their own leadership," Nau told CBC News in an interview from Zaporizhzhia.

"But man, we almost got killed last night. Four hypersonic missiles got launched and they have, like, a 200 kilogram or ... something crazy payload [warhead]. And they landed 25 or 50 meters from our apartment. It felt like the building was going to come down just from the shockwave."



A firefighter works to extinguish a fire after a Russian attack that damaged a police building in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on Monday.
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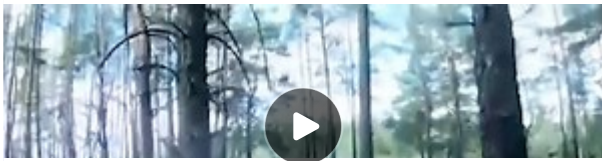
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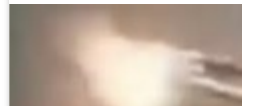
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Video has recently emerged showing the fiery demise of a Russian [Su-25 Frogfoot](#) attack jet, moments after taking off from its base, apparently on a mission as part of [the ongoing war](#) in Ukraine. The Su-25 has been playing a significant role for [both sides](#) in the conflict, and losses have been high for Russia and Ukraine, a reflection of the hazardous missions these aircraft typically fly.





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The incident, seen in the tweet embedded below, however, appears to be something different, with strong indications that it was the result of either a pilot error or some kind of mechanical failure. Neither of those possibilities bodes well for the Russian Aerospace Forces, or VKS, as Ukrainian troops continue to make [impressive gains on the ground](#). There is mounting evidence of Russian airpower being overworked both in terms of personnel and platforms. This, combined, with the [increasing threats](#) they face, is having an impact on the ability of the VKS to provide useful air support.



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The video in question, seen below, which is 39 seconds long, begins with two gray-painted Russian Su-25s taking off in formation. The date of the incident is unknown.



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The Sukhoi Su-25 Frogfoot crash. The place and time are not known.

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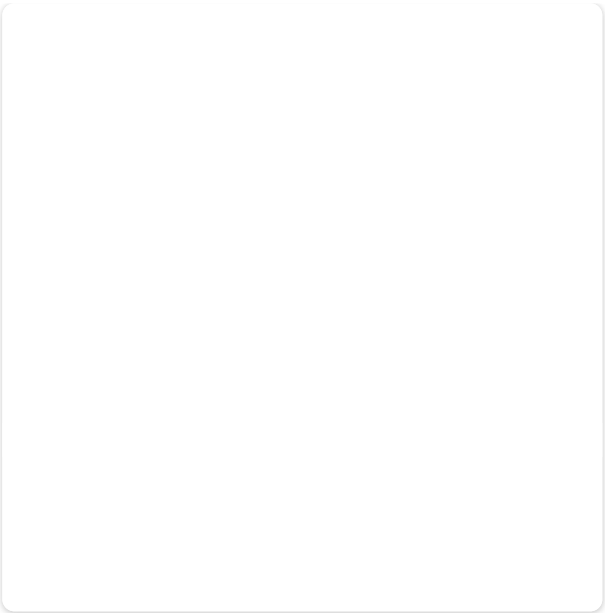
— Capt(N) (@Capt_Navy) [September 12, 2022](#)

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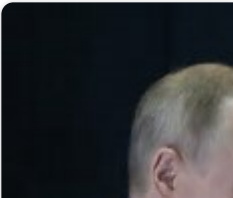
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