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## Ukraine drone strike hits Russia Black Sea fleet HQ 'spoiling Navy Day'

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A senior official in Russian-annexed Crimea accused Ukraine on Sunday of carrying out a drone attack ahead of planned celebrations to mark Navy Day, injuring five and forcing the cancellation of festivities.





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Russian warships leave a port during naval drills, which are staged by the Baltic Fleet forces of the Russian Navy, part of the military exercises Zapad-2021 opened by Russia and Belarus, in the Baltic Sea town of Baltiysk in Kaliningrad Region, Russia September 9, 2021

The accusation comes hours before [Russian President Vladimir Putin](#) is due to oversee Navy Day celebrations in his hometown of St Petersburg and approve [Russia's naval doctrine](#) as Moscow presses on with its military intervention in Ukraine.

"An unidentified object flew into the courtyard of the fleet's headquarters," Mikhail Razvozhayev, governor of Sevastopol, home to Russia's Black Sea fleet, wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

**"An unidentified object flew into the courtyard of the fleet's headquarters."**

Mikhail Razvozhayev

"According to preliminary information, it is a drone."

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He said Ukraine had decided to "spoil Navy Day for us."



[The Ukrainian](#) defense ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

## Russian Navy Day celebrations canceled

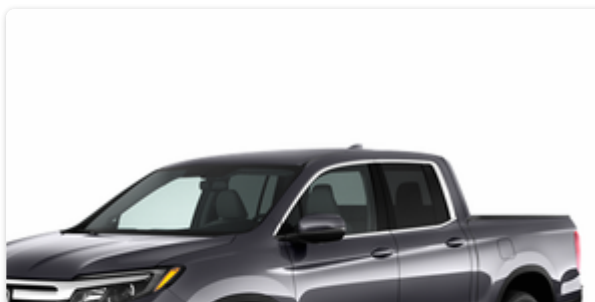
Razvozhayev said that five employees of the fleet headquarters had been injured in the incident and that the Federal Security Service (FSB) was investigating its circumstances.

"All celebrations have been canceled for security reasons," Razvozhayev said. "Please remain calm and stay home if possible."

Navy Day is an annual Russian holiday during which its fleets stage naval parades and honor its sailors.

[Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine in March 2014](#), prompting a major row with the West which deepened over Moscow's role in an insurgency of pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine.

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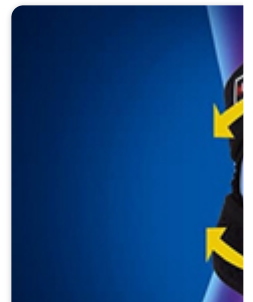


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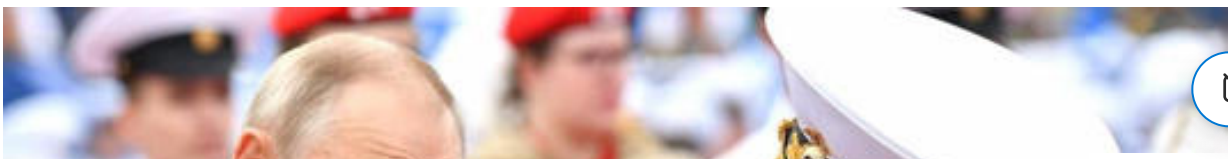


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**R**ussian President Vladimir Putin announced this Sunday, National Day of the Russian Navy, a new strategic naval doctrine that will intensify the activities of its ships in the Black and Azov Seas, as well as in the Arctic Ocean, among others, and by which state-of-the-art hypersonic missiles will be incorporated in some warships.





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The new doctrine has been specifically conceived in view of the "threat to Russia" posed by "U.S. plans to dominate the oceans and shipping lanes," according to the document, reported by the Russian news agency Interfax.

To begin with, Russia will increase security in waters adjacent to the Russian Federation, including the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea – with particular intensity in both, where Russia wants to develop a "comprehensive strengthening of its position" – as well as in the eastern Mediterranean and the straits of the Black Sea, Baltic and Kuril Islands.

Russia also plans to intensify maritime activities in the Arctic to increase its ability to respond to "military activity of foreign states in the waters of the Northern Sea Route."

The document also envisages the expansion of military infrastructure on Russia's incorporated Crimean peninsula, as well as the construction of new aircraft carriers and a system for the incorporation of the state-of-the-art Zirkon hypersonic missile, which will enter service installed on the frigate 'Admiral Gorshkov'.

The doctrine also recognizes the lack of Russian bases abroad as a strategic weakness, hence "the Russian Federation plans to build new points to service the Navy in the Asia-Pacific region and the Mediterranean Sea".

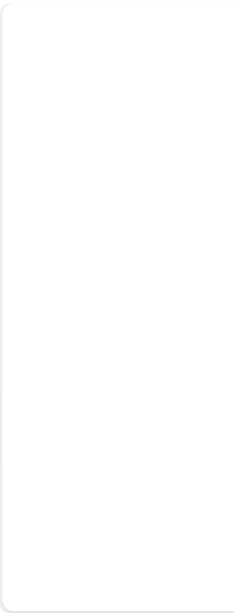
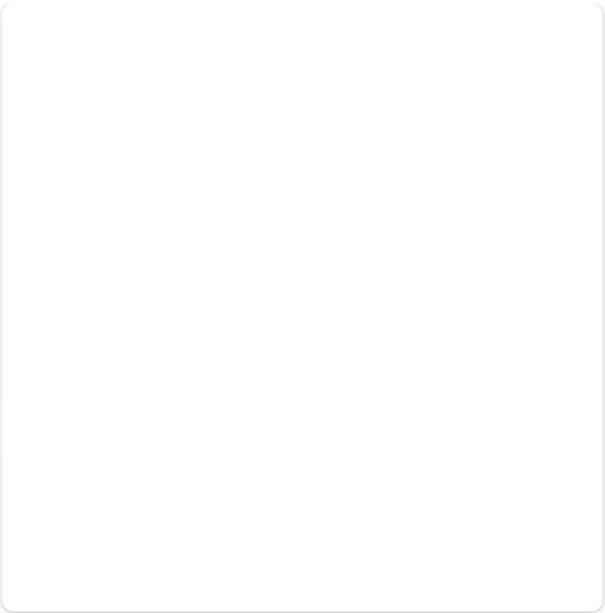
In other areas less important to Russia, the new naval doctrine will recommend




mechanisms of diplomacy and other non-violent methods."

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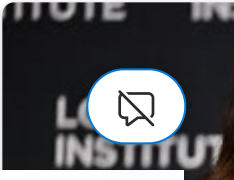
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