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Energoatom points finger at Russia for alleged "drone attack" at Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Plant

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ZNPP (Photo:REUTERS/Alexander Ermochenko)



Russian claims of a Ukrainian drone striking the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) are nothing more

than propaganda, Ukrainian nuclear operator Energoatom said on Telegram on April 9.

Energoatom cited the seizure of the ZNPP by the Russian military and its transformation into a military base, as well as limited access by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) representatives to certain facilities of the plant as the primary reasons for the Russian statements.

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"The only way to prevent a nuclear and radiation accident is to implement the IAEA resolution, withdraw Russian troops and military equipment from the plant, and transfer ZNPP to Ukrainian control," Energoatom stated.

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Alleged "drone attack" at the ZNPP

The IAEA announced that on April 7, a drone exploded on the grounds of the ZNPP. IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi said that the agency recorded at least



three direct hits to the main protective shield of the ZNPP reactor. ^X

Later in their report, the IAEA said that on April 7, explosions and the sound of gunfire were heard on ZNPP territory when Russian troops opened fire on an object that looked like a drone. In one of the plant's six reactor buildings, experts found damage to communications and surveillance equipment. Outside the laboratory, the agency saw bloodstains next to a damaged military vehicle, "indicating at least one casualty."

Ukraine stated that it was not involved in any provocative actions or strikes on the territory of the Ukrainian nuclear facility and demanded the immediate liberation of the ZNPP territory from Russian troops.

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Ukrainian military intelligence reported on April 8 that due to the actions of the Russian forces, the security situation at the ZNPP is steadily deteriorating, but no radiation leaks were recorded as a result of the drone explosion.

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