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Rocket strike in the port city of Odessa

The Ukrainian port city of Odessa was the target of airstrikes from Russian forces early in the morning of 03 APR. These strikes targeted key infrastructure, the Russian Defense Ministry said. It said that high-precision sea- and air-based missiles had been used to destroy an oil refinery and three storage units for fuel. The fuel was being used to supply a group of Ukrainian troops in the direction of Mykolaiv. Despite the rocket attacks, no casualties were reported. These attacks come as Russian forces appear to be withdrawing from the north while trying to consolidate troops in Ukraine's southern region. END

CMCD Note

This airstrike is likely not an indicator of an upcoming ground assault. It is common for Russian forces to conduct strikes on distant targets without conducting follow-up ground assaults. This trend is highly likely to continue in order to disrupt Ukrainian forces and prevent the consolidation of Ukrainian military personnel and resources.

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