

Russia pounds Ukrainian capital with Iranian drones in latest bombardment

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For the second night in a row, Russia pounded the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, and other regions with multiple waves of Iranian-made Shahed kamikaze drone attacks.

According to the Kyiv Independent, Russian attacks across Ukraine killed at least four people and injured at least 37 over the past day, including a child.

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According to the [Atlantic Council's February analysis](#), Russia's capacity as a leading weapons exporter has been damaged by the more than two years of war on Ukraine, meaning Iran has "become more dominant and attractive in the eyes of countries that previously depended on Russia's supply of military equipment".

However, with collaboration between Iran and Russia deepening, from military exercises to building a drone factory, the Atlantic Council report by **Danny Citrinowicz** said that "the current situation can create a joint venture between Iran and Russia that may increase their conventional mutual arms sales due to their high production capabilities".

Citrinowicz said that Iran has sold more than two thousand drones to Russia alone until 2024, making millions of dollars from the sales, in spite of both nations being heavily sanctioned. Current estimates of drone deliveries range from 4-8 thousand units.

"Iran has no political or legal restrictions that prevent it from selling these weapons around the world; it is apparently not afraid that these products will fall into the hands of dangerous foreign parties," he warned.

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