France Takes Kyiv Strikes to the UN as Death Toll Rises

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At least 15 people were reported killed across Ukraine's Kyiv region after Russian strikes, as rescuers searched a collapsed apartment building and France sought to bring the attacks before the United Nations.

In Dymer, north of the capital, emergency crews pulled a seven-year-old boy and a 79-year-old woman alive from the wreckage after they had been trapped for 22 hours. Reuters reported 11 deaths connected to the building; Ukrainian authorities and France 24 put the toll from attacks across the wider region at at least 15. Two people were still missing as rescue work continued.

The human toll has sharpened a diplomatic push already under way in Paris. On Friday, Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot said France had asked the UN Security Council to meet after Russian strikes on Kyiv and Lviv. The

attacks killed civilians and damaged energy infrastructure; projectiles also struck near the Austrian and Dutch embassies. France called the damage to diplomatic premises a serious violation of international law and said Russia must be held accountable.

Monday's scheduled high-level Security Council briefing will address the protection of energy infrastructure and Black Sea shipping. It was initiated by Latvia, the Council's November president; France is among the European members expected to condemn the attacks. That distinction matters: Paris's request and the planned briefing are related diplomatic efforts, but they are not the same meeting.

France is using the UN to keep civilian harm and the security of diplomatic premises on the agenda, even as a Council debate alone cannot compel Moscow to change course.

For Paris, the immediate test is whether condemnation can be translated into sustained pressure and practical support for Ukraine. With infrastructure exposed, the debate is also about what protection can be offered before winter deepens.

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