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RUSSIAN DRONES CROSS MOLDOVA, ONE OVER CHIȘINĂU, AND THE COUNTRY CLOSES ITS WHOLE AIRSPACE

On 17 November 2026 Moldova's Defence Ministry said a Geran-2 attack drone entered the country's airspace at 15:49 local time from Ukraine's Odesa region, heading towards the Transnistrian region, and later re-entered; a second Shahed-type drone flew towards Chișinău. Moldova restricted its entire airspace at 16:27 and reopened the central sector at 17:03; flights were diverted to Iași. In the evening seven drones in total entered Moldovan airspace and one was seen over Chișinău.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

OFFICIAL ATTRIBUTION

A government, a prosecutor, the EU, NATO or a UN body has formally named Russia, its services or its state-backed forces. This is a position of that authority, not a verdict.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

Moldova's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mihai Popșoi: "We strongly condemn the violation of Moldova's airspace by a Russian Shahed drone, reported over the capital, Chișinău" (17 Nov 2026, via European Pravda). The Defence Ministry identified the first drone as a Russian Geran-2.

LATEST

Seven drones entered Moldovan airspace on 17 November, one over Chișinău; no casualties or damage reported (17 Nov 2026).

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The drone came from the Odesa region during Russian drone attacks on southern Ukraine.

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WHAT WE ASK

OF MEMBER STATES

- Name each violation in national statements and at the UN Security Council.
- Support NATO air defence along the eastern flank.
- Hold Russia responsible under international law for each incursion.