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Ukrainian authorities claim chemical attack in Mariupol by Russian forces



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy on Monday voiced concerns that Russian forces could use chemical weapons in Ukraine, although he did not confirm whether such weapons had, indeed, been used.
In a video message, he said “…Today, the occupiers issued a new statement, which testifies to their preparation for a new stage of terror against Ukraine and our defenders…One of the mouthpieces of the occupiers stated that they could use chemical weapons against the defenders of Mariupol. We take this as seriously as possible.”

Earlier on Monday evening, Ukrainian authorities claimed Russia dropped a drone carrying a toxic substance on the besieged south-east city of Mariupol.

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin, who ordered the invasion in late February, on Tuesday claimed that Moscow’s military operation in Ukraine would undoubtedly achieve what he said were its “…noble” objectives.