

# Ukrainian President Zelensky and Top Officials Taunt Putin after Bombing of Russian Bridge

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Early Saturday, a truck bomb blew up part of the Crimean bridge, also known as the Kerch Bridge, which connects Russia to Crimea. Three people were reportedly killed in the blast, including the truck driver who may not have known he was on the mission. The Crimea Bridge, built in 2018, is a strategic 12-mile bridge that has been used to transfer Russian tanks into southern Ukraine as part of their war effort. Russia has said repeatedly they would defend the bridge with nuclear weapons. Fortunately, the damages weren't as bad as everyone was expecting and repairs have been rapid. President Zelensky and other top Ukrainian officials taunted Putin and celebrated the attack. Ukraine issued a postage stamp of the bombing, indicating that it had been planned for some time.

The *New York Times* reported Saturday evening that a "senior Ukrainian official" corroborated Russian reports that Ukraine was behind the truck bomb attack on the Crimean bridge that killed at least three civilians. Russian president Vladimir Putin said, "There is no doubt, this is an act of terrorism aimed at destroying critically important civilian infrastructure."

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