
DRONES HIT TWO TANKERS IN BLACK SEA AS KAZAKH OIL PRODUCTION PLUMMETS, MANAGERS SAY

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Drones struck two oil tankers in the Black Sea on Tuesday, including one chartered by U.S. oil major Chevron (CVX.N), opens new tab, the companies involved said, as they sailed toward a terminal on the Russian coast.

Both were en route to the Yuzhnaya Ozereyevka terminal, a loading point for around 80% of Kazakh oil destined for international markets as well as some Russian crude, according to eight sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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The attacks come as Kazakhstan's output cratered in early January with the U.S. oil majors that dominate its oil sector struggling to pipe crude via Russia due to winter storms and infrastructure damage caused by an earlier Ukrainian drone attack.

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