

## Russian Forces Reportedly Enter Sudzha, Ukrainian Officials Deny Capture



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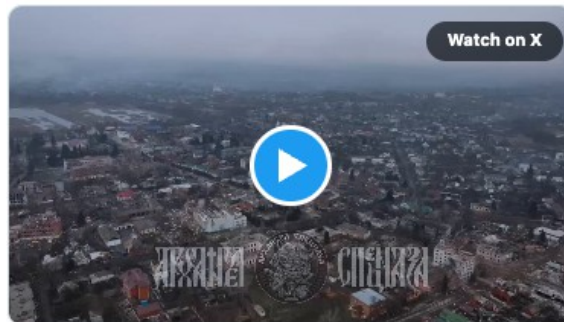
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🇷🇺 The flag of the "Archangel of Spetsnaz" was installed in the village of Sudzha.  
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Russian troops were filmed raising flags in Sudzha, Kursk Oblast, on Wednesday, March 12, as Ukrainian officials [denied claims](#) that Russia had reclaimed the town.

The footage emerged amid [reports](#) of a renewed Russian advance against Ukrainian-held positions in the border region.

Ukraine launched its cross-border offensive into Russia's Kursk Oblast in August 2024. However, Russian forces, along with North Korean troops, have continued to push back against Ukrainian control, according to [The Kyiv Independent](#).

The recent escalation in Russian assaults on Ukrainian forces in the Kursk region follows US President Donald Trump's March 4 [announcement](#) that the United States would withdraw military and intelligence support for Ukraine.

On Wednesday, Russia's Defense Ministry [claimed](#) its forces had liberated five settlements in Kursk.

Later that day, Russian President Vladimir Putin [held](#) a press conference in the region, where he thanked troops for their efforts and expressed hopes that Kursk Oblast would soon be "completely liberated" from Ukrainian control.

During the briefing, Chief of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, General Valery Gerasimov, [asserted](#) that Russian forces had recaptured 86 percent of the Kursk region previously occupied by Ukraine.

However, Ukrainian officials refuted these claims.

The Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine [reported](#) that active combat operations were ongoing in the outskirts of Sudzha and surrounding areas.

Roman Kostenko, the secretary of Ukraine's parliamentary defense committee, [stated](#) that while Ukrainian troops had not "completely withdrawn" from Sudzha, Russian forces had "partially entered" the city.

In a [translated message](#) originally posted on [Telegram](#), Andriy Kovalenko, head of Ukraine's Center for Countering Disinformation at the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), wrote: "Fighting in Kursk is ongoing, and battles in the direction of Sudzha are also continuing. Reports of Sudzha's capture by Russian forces are currently false."

According to [The Kyiv Independent](#), Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky stated in a briefing that Ukrainian troops operating in Russia's Kursk Oblast were continuing their missions despite mounting Russian pressure.

"The military command is doing what it should do, preserving the maximum of lives of our soldiers," Zelensky said, urging a "sober" assessment of the battlefield situation and cautioning against reacting to Russian information warfare.

Storyful has verified that the footage circulating online shows Russian forces raising flags in Sudzha, Kursk Oblast.

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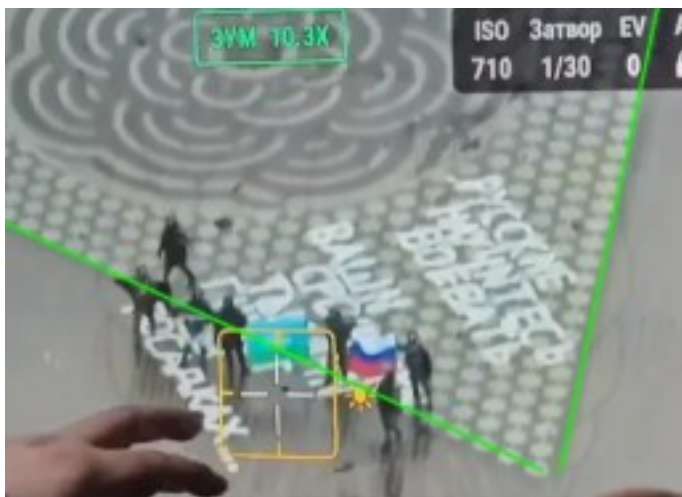
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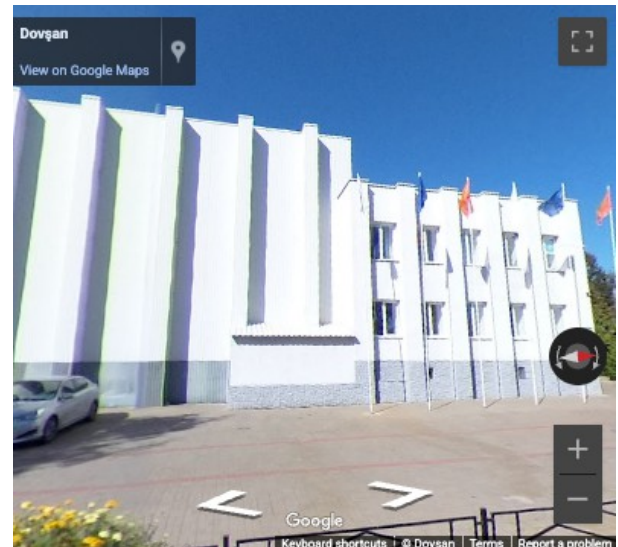
The footage circulated on social media on Wednesday, March 12. This is consistent with official reports (see [here](#) and [here](#)) and [local reports](#).

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**Location - Confirmed** - Russia

The footage was filmed in Sudzha, Kursk Oblast, Russia. This is confirmed using Google Maps (see [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)).





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The source of the footage is unknown.