

# Probable Use of Tactical Smoke Obscurant, Opuk Training Area, Crimea

Analysis of GEOINT during 13-20 April 2021, revealed probable military-related smoke curtains at Opuk Training Area in Crimea. Since smoke curtains are often used to protect against enemy surveillance and reconnaissance, these observations indicate possible concealment training related to Russia's recent military buildup in Crimea.

Orbital Insight's analysis of mobile device movement data during 13-20 April, revealed increased activity at Opuk Training Area. Additionally, analysis of PlanetScope imagery from 15 April 2021, showed at least four probable smoke curtains measuring between 0.7-1.2-kilometers-long and generated from four locations:

- 45.01831, 35.93964
- 45.01653, 35.94197
- 45.01588, 35.94289
- 45.01621, 35.94365

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Approximately 1.2-kilometer-long probable smoke curtain

**Orbital Insight mobile device movement analysis**  
Opuk Training Area, 13-20 April

Activity within 7 days  
Cluster of activity within 7 days

Smoke curtain generation area

Example: TDA-3 smoke generator vehicle



Ground image source:  
<http://blog.vantagepointnorth.net/2017/09/the-return-of-chemical-warfare-and.html>

Probable smoke curtain generation location