

# Attack on Astrakhan Cops

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Three policemen were hospitalized after a car chase and a shootout with unidentified men in Astrakhan early Sunday, Interfax reported.

Policemen came under fire when chasing a car without license plates that had ignored orders to stop for a document check, the report said. The three occupants of the car took a pistol and a machine gun from the police vehicle.

This was the third attack on police in Astrakhan in recent weeks. One patrol officer was stabbed to death and another hospitalized after a fight with three unidentified men, who took the policemen's guns, in a city park July 27.

Another police patrol came under fire after trying to check the documents of a group of unidentified men near a city bridge July 28. One officer died.

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