

Firings Report Questioned

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The Interior Ministry denied on Tuesday accusations that it misspoke when it announced firing several officials over last week's Domodedovo Airport bombing, Interfax reported.

Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev told President Dmitry Medvedev last Wednesday that Domodedovo's police chief and two of his deputies were sacked over the bombing, which killed 35. He did not name the removed officials.

But Moskovsky Komsomolets said Monday that airport police head Alexander Trushanin learned about the sacking from news reports and continued at the job along with his six deputies.

The ministry denied the newspaper report, saying in a statement that Nurgaliyev signed the order to fire Trushanin and his deputies Alexander Budtsov and Alexander Degtyaryov last week.

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