

# Kyrgyz Kill Bus Hijacker

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BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — Kyrgyzstan special forces snipers killed a man who hijacked a minibus during an operation to round up alleged Islamist militants who were planning terrorist attacks, officials said Monday.

Kyrgyz security services said arrests were carried out across several towns in southern Kyrgyzstan over the weekend in a bid to thwart attacks. Interior Minister spokesman Zamir Sydykov said up to 20 people were arrested.

Officials say one person managed to elude capture Saturday in the town of Kara-Suu and forced a minibus driver to travel to nearby Osh at gunpoint. He was shot dead on a road into the city.

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