

Bomb Kills Sapper

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ROSTOV-ON-DON — A policeman was killed and eight of his colleagues were wounded after a large bomb they were trying to defuse exploded, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

Amir Tahirov said Wednesday that the bomb was found near the village of Komsomolskoye in the northern part of Dagestan.

He said the bomb, weighing about 300 kilograms, was packed with bolts and metal fragments and included six explosive canisters. Police sappers tried to defuse the canisters, but one of them exploded, he said.

Police continued their work to defuse the remaining bombs, planted by the roadside of the federal highway Kavkaz, Interfax reported.

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