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Ingushetia Leader Blames Parents for Suicide Bombing

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Ingushetia leader Yevkurov at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in 2011.

Ingushetia leader Yunus-bek Yevkurov told the parents of a suicide bomber who blew himself up at a policeman's funeral last week, killing eight and injuring 15 others, that they were responsible for his actions.

Yevkurov made the comments Saturday during a meeting with the family of Khamzat Aldiyev, who law enforcement officials identified as the bomber after running tests on body parts found at the scene of the blast, Interfax reported.

Aside from accusing Aldiyev's parents of not giving their son "a sound upbringing," Yevkurov blamed residents and officials in the village of Arshty, where the bomber lived.

"If Khamzat Aldiyev had respected his parents, relatives and fellow villagers, then he would never have done such a thing," Yevkurov said, according to the news agency.

Yevkurov also instructed local officials to work with local youth to ensure that similar attacks don't reoccur.

The restive Ingushetia republic, which borders Chechnya, North Ossetia and Georgia, has been the site of numerous terrorist bombings in the past.

In 2009, Yevkurov himself was badly injured when a suicide bomber detonated a car packed with explosives alongside his motorcade.

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