

Two Killed in Dagestan Police Raid

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Security forces killed a suspected militant while storming a house in Dagestan, Russian news agencies reported Saturday.

The raid, in which a member of the security forces was also killed, took place in Novy Khushet, a village near Makhachkala, the capital of Dagestan, in the volatile North Caucasus.

News agencies reported that security forces had surrounded a house in the village where two suspected militants were holed up.

Militants in the North Caucasus say they are fighting for an Islamic state in the strip of provinces along Russia's southern border. Rights activists say the insurgency is also driven by poverty and anger at what they say are the heavy-handed tactics of the Russian security forces.

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