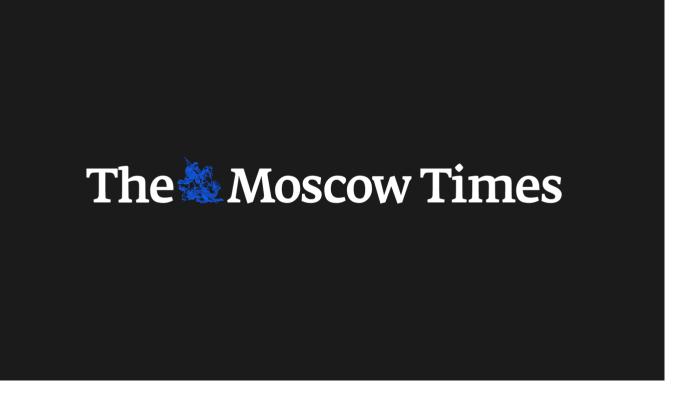


Drunk Man Attacks Rescuers While Attempting to Drown Himself in River

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A drunk man tried to drown himself in the Moscow River on Tuesday night and then attacked rescue workers when they tried to help him, a news report said Wednesday.

Witnesses called police to report that a man was flailing around and trying to break the ice in the river near Gorky Park in central Moscow, police told Interfax.

When rescuers arrived at the scene and attempted to take the man to safety, he repeatedly struck them. During the melee with rescuers, the man succeeded in breaking the ice and had to be dragged out of the water.

The man, identified as a 23-year old resident of the Pskov region, appeared to be in a state of extreme intoxication. He was taken to a hospital to be treated for hypothermia.

Rescue workers were treated for minor injuries.

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