

Security Forces Kill Suspected Militant in Ingushetia

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Security forces on Wednesday killed a militant wanted for the 2010 bombing of an outdoor market in the restive North Caucasus, where three late-night bomb blasts and two gun battles highlighted a dragging insurgency.

Security forces shot dead Sultangery Khashagulgov and one of three brothers suspected of staging an attack on a busy market in the North Ossetia capital of Vladikavkaz that killed 19 people in 2010, a law enforcement source told Interfax.

Khashagulgov, 48, a businessman and former minister in charge of construction in the province of Ingushetia, was killed when he open fired on security forces who attempted to arrest him at his home in the regional capital, Nazran, the source said.

Security forces had detained Khashagulgov's brothers Isa and Yakuba.

Insurgents stage near daily attacks in the North Caucasus republics of Dagestan and Ingushetia.

Three bombs targeted law enforcement officials in Dagestan late Tuesday, local news agencies reported. No one was killed in the attacks. A police officer was hospitalized with gunshot wounds after a separate late-night shooting.

Gunmen also opened fire late Tuesday on the main offices of the Investigative Committee, the government's criminal investigation arm, in Makhachkala, Dagestan's regional capital. No one was reported hurt.

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