

## No Russians Injured in Boston Blasts

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No Russian runners were injured in the twin blasts that went off near the finish line of a marathon in Boston, the Foreign Ministry said.

"According to preliminary information coming from our embassy in the U.S., no Russian marathon runners were hit," the ministry <u>said on its Twitter account</u>.

Three people were killed and more than 170 others were injured by the explosions, which occurred 12 seconds apart, on Monday. The dead have been identified as a Chinese national and two Americans, a 29-year-old restaurant manager and an 8-year-old boy.

Twenty-four Russian athletes were in Boston to participate with the 22,000 runners in the annual Boston Marathon.

U.S. President Barack Obama said Tuesday that the blasts were being treated as a terrorist attack.

President Vladimir Putin has expressed his condolences and offered to assist in the U.S. investigation.

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