

Police Detain Nearly 50 Gangsters in Yekaterinburg

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Police in Yekaterinburg have detained several dozen members of gangs allegedly controlled by a relative of the late "Russian mafia king" Grandpa Hassan, a news report said.

Special forces officers detained 48 gangsters from Ufa, Chelyabinsk, Noyabrsk and other cities, who had gathered at the 7 Klyuchei ("7 Keys") cafe on Sunday to divvy up the criminal market, the Sverdlovsk region's police department said in a [statement](#).

The gangs were under the control of Temuri Sverdlovsky, who is the nephew of criminal kingpin Aslan Usoyan, nicknamed Grandpa Hassan, the chief of the region's organized crime unit said, according to [Life News](#).

Usoyan was gunned down in Moscow in January.

Police did not say whether Sverdlovsky, whose real name is Temuri Mirzoyev, had been

detained, but said that during the raid they had managed to catch four men suspected of injuring and robbing a hotel owner on Friday for refusing to pay protection money.

Police confiscated four traumatic pistols, several knives and a baseball bat during the operation.

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