

Uzbek Man Stabbed to Death in Biryulyovo

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The body of an Uzbek man with multiple stab wounds was found Tuesday in Moscow's Biryulyovo district, near the scene of recent riots by Russian nationalists against the increasing presence of migrants from the Caucasus and Central Asia.

The body of the 52-year-old man native of Uzbekistan was discovered near railroad tracks in Eastern Biryulyovo, police said. The district borders Western Biryulyovo, where ethnically charged riots took place on Sunday, but it remained unclear whether the stabbing was related to the protests.

An unidentified police official said investigators are looking at various possible motives for the killing, but believe the death most likely occurred during a drunken brawl between drinking buddies, BaltInfo reported.

The riots in Western Biryulyovo were triggered by a stabbing death of a 25-year-old Russian.

Police on Tuesday detained a man from Azerbaijan as a suspect in the killing, and tightened security around Moscow to ensure that celebrations of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha went smoothly.

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