

7th Body Found After Moscow Region Gas Explosion

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A seventh person has been found dead following a gas explosion that destroyed part of an apartment building in the Moscow region on Monday, the region's emergencies department said Wednesday.

Five others are still in the hospital, and another two have been treated and discharged, the department said in a website statement.

Rescue workers found the victim at 11 a.m. Wednesday and set about trying to extricate the body from the debris.

A sixth body was pulled from the rubble of the damaged section of the building at 5 a.m. Wednesday.

The explosion took place at about 9:30 a.m. in the village of Zagorskiye Dali near Sergiev

Posad, causing a partial collapse of four apartments between the eighth and ninth floors of the building. A total of eight apartments occupied by 27 people were damaged by the blast.

The emergency services plan to wrap up their search and rescue operation at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

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