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# Man Arrested After 14 Die From Counterfeit-Liquor Poisoning

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Police have arrested a suspected counterfeit liquor seller in a Far Eastern village after at least 14 local people have died of what appeared to be methanol poisoning, investigators said.

Police confiscated containers of alcohol while searching the 49-year-old man's home in the village of Krasny Velikan, in the Zabaikalsky Krai region, a spokesperson for the regional branch of the Investigative Committee said, Interfax reported Sunday.

Investigators said earlier that the alcohol may have been imported from China, with which Zabaikalsky region shares a border. Regional governor Konstantin Ilkovsky has ordered a tightened customs regime at the border and an emergency inspection of local liquor stores.

Two dozen other people have been hospitalized after drinking counterfeit liquor.

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