

Russia Says 4 Militants Killed in Dagestan Siege

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Russian security forces have killed four suspected militants after laying siege to a home in the North Caucasus republic of Dagestan, authorities said.

One officer was wounded and two others suffered burns during the battle in the provincial capital, Makhachkala, the National Anti-terrorist Committee said Tuesday.

It said security forces had surrounded the home and faced gunfire from inside after the occupants let two children and the wife of one of the suspected militants out. Nearby homes were evacuated during the operation.

Dagestan is plagued by violence linked to an Islamist insurgency rooted in two post-Soviet separatist wars in the neighboring Chechnya republic.

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