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Tourists Rescued From Volcano in Kamchatka After Deadly Avalanche

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Rescuers located seven tourists who survived an avalanche in Kamchatka on Friday, but two of their companions were found dead and another remained missing.

Four of the tourists from a Yekaterinburg club for climbers were injured, three of whom were hospitalized.

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"According to the surviving tourists from the group of 10 people, on Friday morning they decided to climb the Kamen volcano from the more dangerous side: the northern slope. Three people — two men and one woman — went first. They were hit by the avalanche,"
a spokesperson for the regional branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry was cited as saying by Interfax.

"The bodies of two men ... were found by rescuers at a height of 2,700 meters," the spokesperson said.

The search for the remaining member of the group was called off late Friday but was set to resume on Saturday morning.

The Kamen volcano is situated in the Ust-Kamchatka district of the Kamchatka region in Russia's Far East. In July, two climbers from Belarus died while trying to conquer it.

The full height of the extinct volcano is 4,585 meters, and it is both popular with and feared by climbers because it is considered one of the most difficult challenges in Kamchatka.

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