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One Dead, 7 Injured in Construction Accident

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One worker from Uzbekistan was killed and seven others injured Wednesday morning when a cargo lift in the Moscow City high-rise financial district collapsed, the capital's construction watchdog said in a statement.

The workers — all of whom had come to work in Moscow from Uzbekistan — were traveling in a freight carrier designed for lifting construction materials when the rope supporting the structure snapped, the online statement said. The seven surviving workers were transported to a hospital with varying degrees of injuries.

The regional branch of Russia's Investigative Committee has launched an inquiry into the incident, it said in a statement.

The municipal construction watchdog said that it would summon developers involved in construction projects across the city to urge them to "stop scrimping on safety technology."

Last week, three workers were injured when a lift collapsed at a construction site in western Moscow.

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