

Siberia Bomb Blast Victim Regains Consciousness

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A man reported to have died after an explosion Thursday at a bus stop in Angarsk in the Irkutsk region has regained consciousness, the TASS news agency reported.

Previous reports from state-run TV channels said that the 38-year-old man, who TASS reported is in intensive care, had died following an three-hour operation to amputate his right leg.

"The patient's condition is serious but stable, he is gradually emerging from traumatic shock. ... Doctors are fighting for his life," Boris Basmanov, chief physician of Angarsk hospital emergency care, was cited by the Interfax news agency as saying.

TASS cited the Bodaibo administration in the Irkutsk region as saying that the improvised explosive device, which was left at the bus stop inside a blue plastic bag, exploded with the force of more than one kilogram of TNT.

An online statement from regional police announced a "large monetary reward"

for information identifying those responsible for the explosion.

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