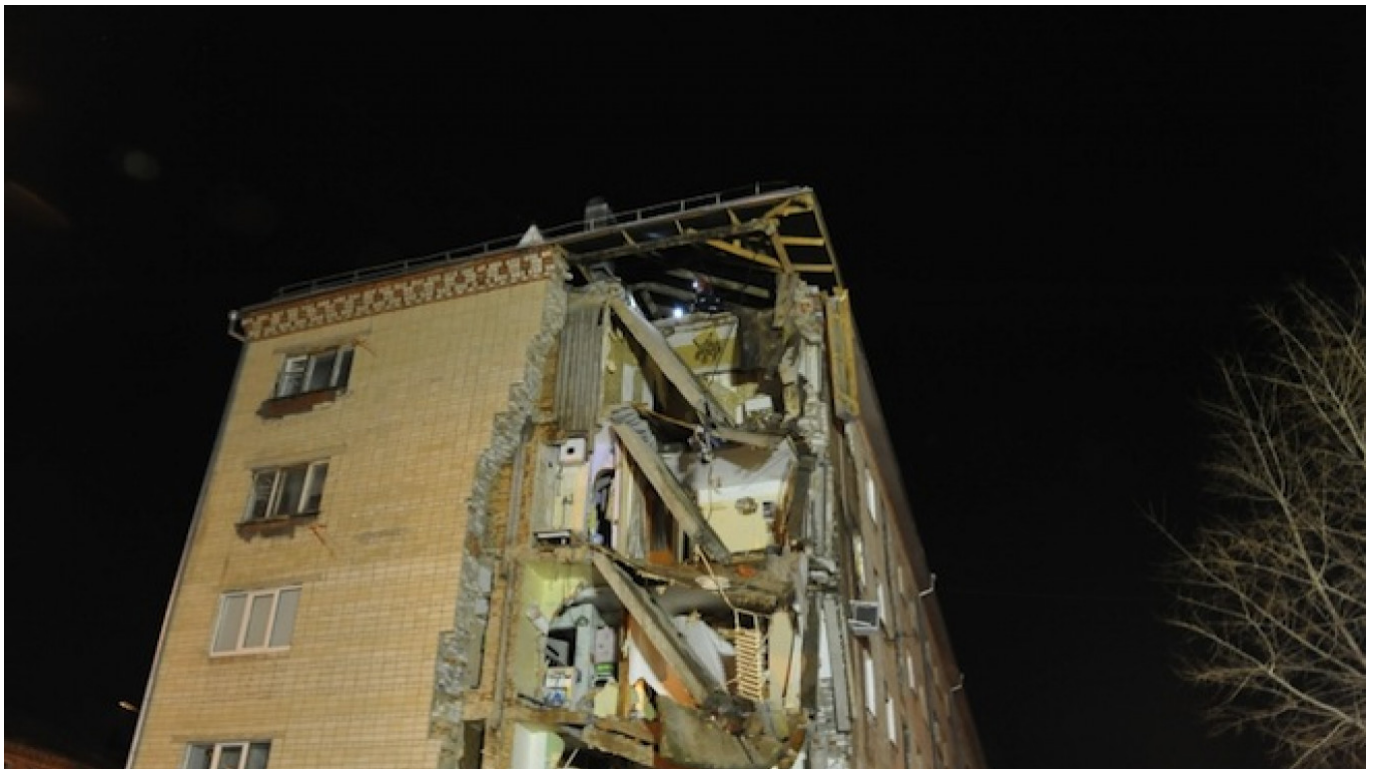


Five-Story Apartment Block in Eastern Russia Collapses Without Warning (Video)

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A five-story apartment building in Tyumen.

A corner section of a five-story apartment building in eastern Russia has collapsed, injuring at least three people and leaving dozens more without a home, emergency ministry officials said Wednesday.

A room-sized corner section on each floor of the building in the city of Tyumen, east of the Ural Mountains, crumbled to the ground late on Tuesday night, according to photos released by the regional branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry and videos posted online by witnesses.

Three people were taken to local hospitals to be treated for their injuries after the incident and were later discharged, the Emergency Situations Ministry said in a statement.

Another 53 people, including four children, found shelter at a local hotel, while other

residents of the building were taken in by their friends and relatives, the statement said.

The Emergency Situations Ministry provided no information on the cause of the collapse, adding only that Tyumen Governor Vladimir Yakushev was to chair a meeting at the emergency services' headquarters, scheduled to convene later in the day to "solve an array of issues."

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