

Attack on Pro-Kremlin Piggy Activists Investigated by Moscow Police

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A criminal case has been launched against supermarket security guards suspected of beating up members of a group of pro-Kremlin activists conducting an unofficial inspection of the store while dressed in pig costumes, Russian media reported Friday.

Members of Khryushi Protiv (Piggies Against), a youth activist group infamous for storming stores to check their compliance with health and safety rules, were physically assaulted by guards on June 11 during a raid to expose out-of-date food in a supermarket in southwest Moscow, Russian News Service website reported at the time.

When the activists showed the supermarket manager some food that was allegedly past its sell-by date, he summoned security. A fight broke out that only stopped when police showed up, the report said.

Police are currently reviewing video footage of the incident and intend to question

supermarket stuff, police spokesman Andrei Galiakberov was cited as telling Interfax on Friday.

Piggies Against are notorious for dressing up in pig costumes and springing raids on supermarkets and food markets, searching the shelves for out-of-date food and other hygiene violations.

In April, a similar altercation broke out during a Piggies Against raid on a food store in central Moscow.

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