

Soldiers Take Armored Troop Carrier for Drunken Joyride in Siberia

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Two inebriated soldiers were arrested Tuesday in the Siberian city of Chita after hijacking an armored troop carrier and driving it around the city's streets, TASS news agency reported.

They will be discharged from the military, a spokesperson for the Eastern Military District told TASS.

Police in Chita were unable to stop the armored troop carrier on Tuesday evening as it careered down the lane for oncoming traffic on a city highway, the report said. Officers eventually managed to halt it in the courtyard of a residential neighborhood.

The two soldiers inside the armored vehicle refused to come out, so the traffic police officers had to smash its window with a sledge-hammer and drag them out.

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the Commandant's Office.

The officials whose negligence allowed the joyride to happen will also be held responsible for the incident in accordance with military regulations and could be fired, the military spokesperson was cited by TASS as saying.

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