

Russian Police Open Criminal Case Over Savage Attack on Bear

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Police in Russia's Far East said Thursday they were investigating two men and a woman for animal cruelty after a video posted online showed a bear trapped beneath a jeep.

The comments audible in the video suggest the bear was run over eight times on the Pacific Ocean's Kuril islands before its tormentors used the jeep to pin the predator to the ground. The bear is then seen freeing itself, ripping a tyre off the jeep and attacking the other vehicle from which people were recording the incident.

“The people involved in this episode were quickly identified and detained within one working day,” police in the eastern region of Sakhalin said in an online statement.

They face a maximum sentence of two years in prison if charged and convicted.

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