

Arson Attempt at Controversial Truck Tax Office

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An arson attempt was made on a Platon office — the new truck levy causing nationwide discontent — in the Urals city of Orenburg, the local Vestirama.ru news agency reported Wednesday.

The offenders attempted to set the office door on fire but a number of guards intercepted. Several shots from a pistol were fired at the office.

The attack was reported to local police at 5 a.m. The local police have already opened a criminal case into the incident, according to police spokesman Andrei Zryachkin

Platon representatives declined to comment to Vestirama.ru.

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The Platon system has been in operation since Nov. 15. It has sparked large-scale trucker

protests in Russia's regions. Truck drivers attempted to stage a protest march in Moscow on Nov. 30 but trucks heading for Moscow were repeatedly intercepted by the police and several protest coordinators were detained and fined.

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