

# Russian Soldier Killed by Explosive Device on Military Base

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A contract soldier in the Russian army was killed after stepping on an explosive device at his military base in the southern Orenburg region, the Interfax news agency reported Wednesday, citing a military spokesman.

Military prosecutors and commanders of the Central Military District were investigating, but the explosive device was not immediately identified, the district's spokesman Yaroslav Roshchupkin was quoted as saying.

The soldier was severely injured in the blast and died in a hospital, the spokesman was quoted as saying.

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