

Dozens of Pig Carcasses Discovered in Russian Region

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Several dozen pig carcasses have been dumped near a highway in Russia's Vologda region, the Flash Nord news portal reported Tuesday, adding it was unclear where the dead pigs came from.

Residents of the Vologda region's village of Cherepovets, northeast of Moscow, found the porcine carcasses, some of which were packaged in canvas sacks, while others were simply lying in the snow near the road, the report said.

Lidia Sokolova, a local woman who published photos of the carcasses online, said birds had already begun to pray on them, and expressed fears of an epidemic or an "environmental catastrophe" if the pigs had been killed by a disease, the report said.

A spokesperson for the regional branch of the Interior Ministry said police had no information about the "illegal animal-burial ground" or its origin, Flash Nord reported.

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