

# Moscow Church Under Construction Suffers Severe Fire Damage

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A fire engulfed 30 square meters of scaffolding at a church under construction in central Moscow in the small hours Wednesday, before firefighters extinguished the flames, the Emergency Situations Ministry branch in the capital said via Twitter.

Nobody was inside the building when the fire broke out, and no injuries were reported, the ministry said.

A call about the fire on Rozhdestvensky Bulvar came in shortly after 1 a.m. Wednesday, and when firefighters arrived a few minutes later, flames were raging over 30 square feet of the church's construction scaffolding, the ministry tweeted.

Some 75 firefighters from 22 brigades were involved in extinguishing the flames, which took nearly two hours to put out, the ministry said.

No information on possible causes of the fire was immediately available.

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