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Woman Holding Child's Severed Head Detained in Moscow

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A woman suspected of murdering a child has been detained near the Oktyabrskoye Pole metro station in northwestern Moscow, the RIA Novosti news agency reported Monday, citing Investigative Committee spokeswoman Yulia Ivanova.

The 38-year old Uzbek national, Gyulchekhra Bobokulova, held the severed head of a child and threatened to blow herself up, the Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper reported, citing an unidentified source in law enforcement.

The woman was dressed in black and was shouting "Allahu Akbar," according to the RBC news website.

Investigators immediately ordered that the detained woman undergo a forensic psychiatric examination, Ivanova said.

The area around the Oktyabrskoye Pole station has been cordoned off. Bomb disposal experts

are currently checking the site for explosives, an unidentified source in law enforcement told the Interfax news agency.

Earlier on Monday, firefighters discovered the decapitated body of a 4-year-old child after putting out a fire in a apartment in Ulitsa Narodnogo Opolcheniya, located near the Oktyabrskoye Pole metro station, Interfax reported.

According to the preliminary data of the Investigative Committee, the nanny waited until the family left the apartment, killed the child, set the apartment on fire and left, RIA Novosti reported.

The Moscow Times has chosen to show neither photo nor video of the incident out of respect for the victim and the victim's family.

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