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Muscovites Bring Flowers to Metro Station to Mourn Murdered Girl

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A Russian police officer stands at the site where a woman suspected of murdering a young child was detained, near Oktyabrskoye Pole metro station in Moscow, Russia.

Moscow residents have been bringing flowers and toys to the Oktyabrskoye Pole metro station in the northwest of the city, where on Monday a woman holding the severed head of a child was detained, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday.

As of Tuesday morning, there were flowers, toys, chocolates, sweets and candles near the metro station exit. Many people stopped for some time near the improvised memorial. Most people at the scene demand severe punishment for the suspected murderer, the news agency reported.

On Monday, a 38-year old Uzbek national — Gyulchekhra Bobokulova — holding a severed girl's head and shouting "Allahu Akbar" was detained near the metro station.

The woman turned out to be the nanny of the 4-year old girl, whose decapitated body had been discovered earlier that day by firefighters after putting out a fire in an apartment in

northwestern Moscow.

According to investigators, the nanny had waited for the girl's parents to leave the house, killed the child, set the apartment on fire and fled.

The investigators ordered the detained woman to undergo a forensic psychiatric examination. An unidentified source in the law enforcement agencies, cited by Interfax, claimed Bobokulova was under the influence of psychotropic drugs.

The nanny confessed to the murder and agreed to provide the details of the crime to the police, the Interfax reported late Monday, citing an undisclosed law enforcement source.

An investigation is currently under way in the apartment where the girl was murdered, the source told the news agency.

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