

Car Bomb Explodes Outside Mosque in Russia's North Caucasus

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A 56-year-old man was hospitalized after a car bomb detonated outside a mosque in Nazran, a city in the republic of Ingushetia in Russia's North Caucasus, Interfax reported Friday, citing an unidentified source in Ingushetia's law enforcement.

"It is possible that this incident was an attack on a prolific imam [Khamzat Chumakov]," the source told Interfax. Chumakov's car was reportedly one of six that were damaged by the blast. The source said the imam sustained minor injuries.

Chumakov has repeatedly criticized human rights violations and corruption within the republic's leadership, and has been the subject of numerous threats and attacks. In 2010 he lost a leg after a bomb was planted beneath his car.

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