

Two Children's Camps Closed in Russia After Deadly Boating Accident

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Two children's camps in Russia's far eastern Primorye region have been closed for non-compliance with safety regulations, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday.

The Ussuriyskiye Tigriyata camp was due to open on June 24 near Vladivostok but its organizers failed to notify the local branch of state consumer watchdog Rospotrebnadzor of the date the camp would begin, according to the press service of the Primorye region administration.

Despite the closure order, the organizers of the camp brought the children to the camp area. On the same day, the children were taken home.

Local law enforcement agencies are investigating the founder of the camp, according to Interfax.

Another Primorye camp, Yuny Spasatel, which had planned to open on July 1, has been cancelled by the organizers, after they decided that they could not provide safe conditions for

children.

Inspections of children's camps in Russia started in earnest after 14 children died in a boating accident at the Samozero summer camp in Russia's northern republic of Karelia on June 18.

A group of 47 children and four instructors were on a rafting trip on the lake when a storm overturned their boats.

The camp has been closed and several people have been arrested following the tragedy.

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