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More than 240 Inmates Riot in Siberian Prison

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More than 240 prisoners have rioted in a prison colony in the Siberian Republic of Khakassia, the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

Local media reports suggest that the insurrection was organized by a small number of prisoners, including one detainee who had recently returned from solitary confinement. Prison officials regained control of the colony at 5:30 A.M. Monday morning after a confrontation lasting over six hours, Interfax reported. No deaths or injuries were reported.

Three inmates have been detained on charges of instigating mass disorder, with investigators alleging that, "the interior of one of the prison's buildings was destroyed from within by prisoners breaking off doors, throwing tables and overturning beds," Interfax reported.

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