

Arrests Made in St. Petersburg Anti-Terror Raids

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Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) has arrested several men during anti-terror raids in St. Petersburg, [the Interfax news agency](#) reported Tuesday.

The men, whose names remain unknown, reportedly belonged to the Islamist group Hizb ut-Tahrir.

In a press statement, the FSB said that the men had been detained as a "preventative measure." The number of detainees remains unknown. They are set to be charged under Russian laws which ban the organization of terrorist groups, [Interfax](#) reported.

In August 2016, three men found guilty under similar laws were sentenced to between 5 and 17 years in prison by a Russian court.

Hizb ut-Tahrir has been classified a terrorist organization within Russia since 2003. However, the group operates legally in a number of other countries, including Ukraine and

the United States.

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