

Russian Police Raid Moscow Scientology Center

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Russian police have launched a raid at a center belonging to the Church of Scientology in the northwestern Moscow region.

Officials have yet to announce why the Losino-Petrovsky Center for Dianetics and Scientology was targeted by authorities, [the Interfax news agency reported Wednesday](#).

The Church of Scientology has faced repeated legal difficulties in Russia. The Scientology Church of Moscow was disbanded in June 2016 after a court found that the group had failed to meet requirements for operating as a recognized religious organization.

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Scientology is a belief system created by American science-fiction author L. Ron Hubbard in

1954.

Believers are encouraged to dedicate themselves fully to the church, which has been condemned by some as a cult. Scientologists believe in reincarnation, as well as in the ability to access memories from their “past lives.”

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