

# St. Petersburg Subway Bombing Was Reportedly Al-Qaida's Work

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People gather at a symbolic memorial in the St. Petersburg subway, April 7, 2017. **Dmitri Lovetsky / AP**

A group allegedly tied to the terrorist organization al-Qaida has claimed responsibility for the subway bombing that rocked the St. Petersburg subway earlier this month, according to the “intelligence group” website [“SITE.”](#)

The group claiming responsibility for the attack reportedly calls itself the “Imam Shamil Battalion.”

According to SITE, the bombing was allegedly organized by Ayman al-Zawahiri, the current leader of al-Qaida, in retaliation for Russia’s actions in Syria, Chechnya, and Libya. The group also threatened new attacks.

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On April 3, a homemade explosive detonated in the St. Petersburg subway, injuring more than

50 people. A total of 16 people ultimately died as a result of the blast. So far, Russian police have arrested 10 individuals for involvement in the attack.

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