

Election Day Terrorist Attack Thwarted in Russia — FSB

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Russian security services have reportedly killed an Islamic State (IS) terrorist group member plotting to commit a terrorist attack during the March 18 presidential elections.

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) [said](#) in December that it had prevented IS attacks planned for New Year's celebrations and presidential election events in Moscow. At least one suspect has been [arrested](#) in Kyrgyzstan in connection with the New Year's attack, who reportedly testified to having received terrorist training in Syria.

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"The criminal, who mounted an armed resistance during his arrest, was neutralized by special units of Russia's FSB," the security service [said](#) in a statement on Thursday.

An improvised explosive device, firearms, ammunition and bomb-making components were

reportedly seized from the killed suspect after the raid in the city of Nizhny Novgorod, it added.

The suspect hailed from a neighboring country that the FSB did not name.

Islamic State is a terrorist organization banned in Russia.

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