

Over \$240,000 Donated to Kemerovo Red Cross in Wake of Fire Tragedy

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The Red Cross has collected 14 million rubles (\$245,000) in donations for the families of the victims of the deadly shopping mall fire in Russia's coal-producing region of Kemerovo.

Forty-one children are thought to be among the 60 people killed in the fire that swept through the Winter Cherry shopping center in Kemerovo on Sunday. Russia's top investigator told President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday that a short-circuit is among the leading theories of the tragic incident.

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The Russian Red Cross [announced](#) on Monday that it had started fundraising for the families of the fire's victims.

Some 14 million rubles had been donated as of early Tuesday, the deputy head of the Red Cross in Siberia and the Urals, Yelena Malakhova, told The Moscow Times.

Regional officials have also [started](#) to raise funds for the families of the victims on their official website. The government has pledged to pay the victims' families 1 million rubles in compensation.

An earlier version of this article stated that 64 people died in the fire, according to Russian authorities. The official death toll was later revised to 60, the Investigative Committee [said](#) in a statement.

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