

Angry Drivers Attack Yandex.Taxi Moscow Office Over Rising Fees

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Angry taxi drivers set off a smoke bomb outside the Yandex.Taxi's Moscow office Tuesday and distributed leaflets in a protest against the company's rising commission fees.

Yandex.Taxi introduced higher commission rates of up to 30 percent in March, leading hundreds of Moscow taxi drivers to <u>launch</u> a boycott of the service.

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On Tuesday, video footage showed a smoke bomb going off near the entrance to the office building and police and ambulance vehicles arriving at the scene.

"Yandex.Taxi are bloodsuckers! Taxi drivers aren't sheep!" reads a leaflet plastered on the office's wall.

The smoke was put out and police were investigating the incident, the service's spokesman Vladimir Isayev <u>told</u> the Tjournal new website.

Yandex.Taxi <u>merged</u> with Uber last year in a service called NewCo, accounting for roughly 35 million monthly trips and a monthly revenue of \$131 million in Russia and its neighbors.

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