

At Least 3 Dead in Russian Arms Factory Explosion, Media Reports

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At least three people have reportedly been killed in an explosion at a publicly-owned weapons-manufacturing factory in the central Russian region of Nizhny Novgorod.

Russian news wires cited sources as saying that the blast ignited in a part of the Sverdlov chemicals and explosives manufacturing plant in Dzerzhinsk that worked with ammonal, an explosive material.

In a statement on its website, the factory [said](#) a 'bang' was heard at its mine disposal facility, after which the area was cordoned off.

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An emergency source [told](#) the RIA Novosti state-run news agency that the explosion may have occurred because of safety violations.

[Interfax](#) and the [RIA Novosti](#) cited local emergency service representatives as saying that three people were killed and three others injured in the explosion.

Three people remain unaccounted for, reports said.

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