

# Dozens Detained at Suspected Criminal Gathering Outside Moscow

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Police have detained dozens of people at a suspected criminal gathering in a town west of Moscow.

Law enforcement in the town of Istra said it was tipped off about a meeting among “criminal patrons of entrepreneurs” at a local restaurant.

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“Officers detained 29 men who were taken to the police station for identification, fingerprinting and to check for their involvement in committing crimes,” Istra police [said](#) Tuesday.

Two Central Asian nationals at the meeting were found to be in possession of a combined 5

grams of heroin, the Istra branch of the Interior Ministry said.

Istra police placed the 29 suspects in pre-trial detention on drug charges, which carry a maximum prison sentence of 15 years.

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