

Chechen Man Caught With 13 Kilograms of Gold in Siberian Forest

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Russia's Federal Security Services (FSB) have reportedly detained a Chechen man who was caught passing through a Siberian forest with a backpack stacked with gold.

The region of Sakha, in Russia's Far East, is rich in natural resources, including large reserves of gold and diamonds. In 2013, police [seized](#) 10 kilograms of pure gold believed to have been stolen from a major Russian gold producer and hidden in a forest in the Irkutsk region.

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FSB operatives detained the 52-year-old suspect in a taiga forest near the village of Berkakit, located in the region of Sakha, with 13 kilograms of gold worth over 34.5 million rubles (\$526,000), the local Vostok Media news website [reported](#), citing local authorities.

The suspect has reportedly been charged with illegal storage of precious metals.

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