

New Bomb Threats Force Evacuations at a Dozen Moscow Malls

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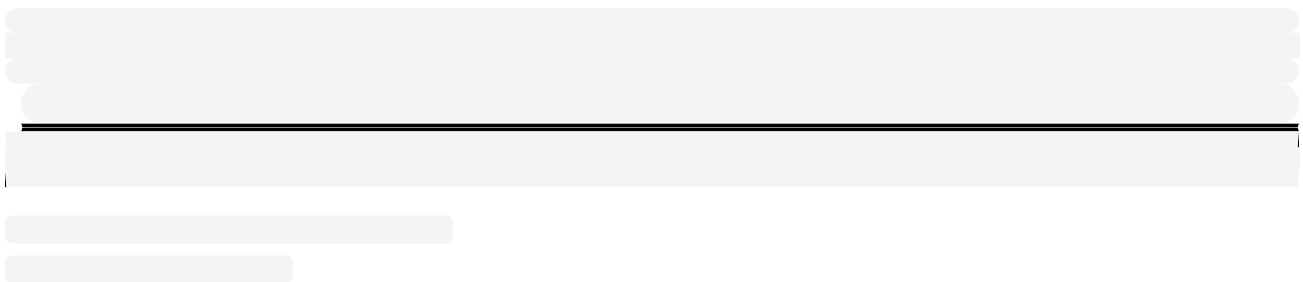
At least 12 shopping centers in Moscow have been evacuated after receiving anonymous bomb threats, a year after a wave of hoax bomb scares prompted mass evacuations throughout the country.

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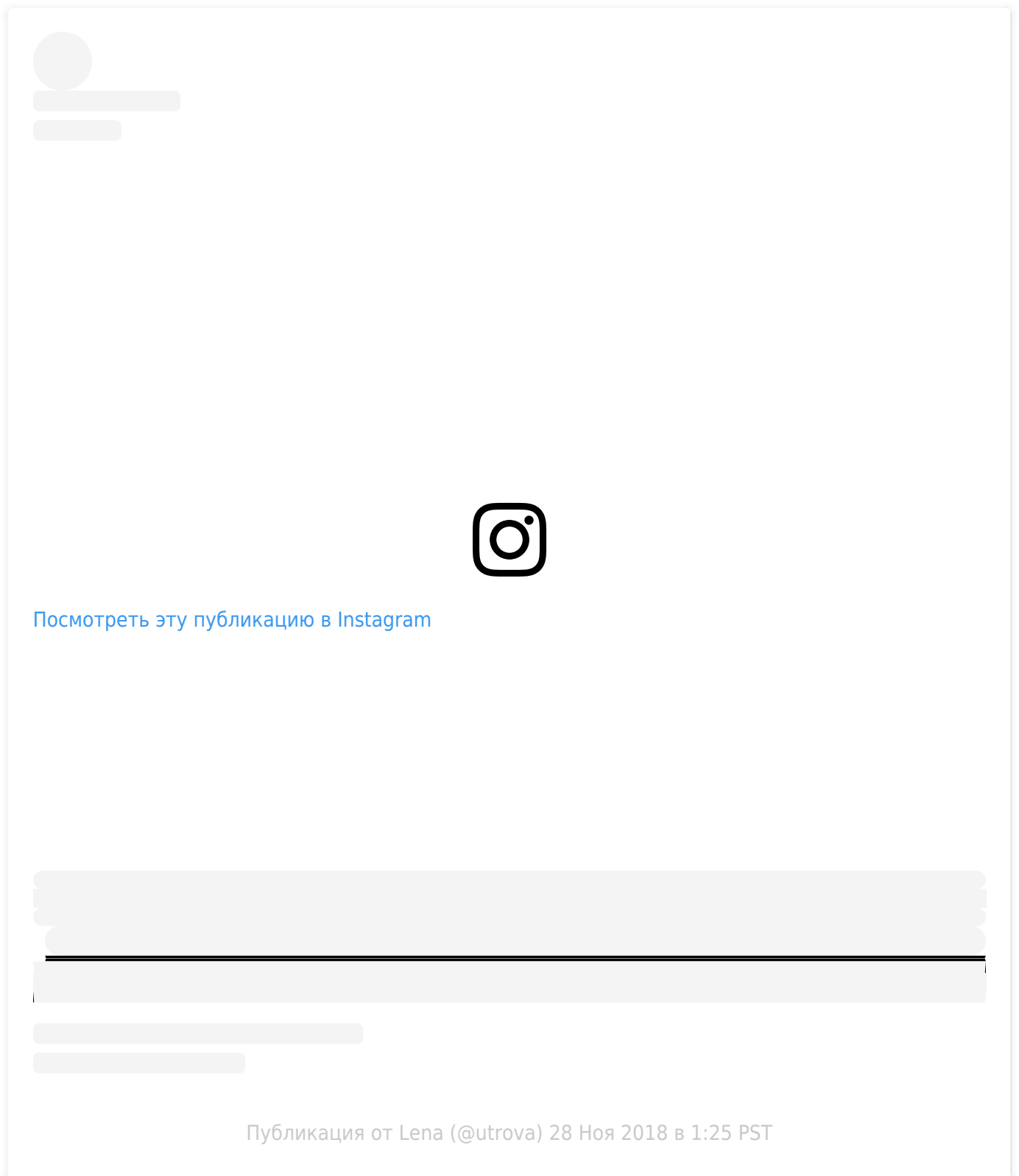
More than a million people in 170 Russian cities were [evacuated](#) from malls, schools, train stations, airports and government buildings between September and October 2017. Security services said at the time that Russian nationals based in a foreign country were suspected of the anonymous phone calls that led to mass panic.

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Up to 12 major malls, including Atrium and Kapitol, were evacuated on Wednesday, the state-run RIA Novosti news agency quoted an unnamed Moscow emergency service official as [saying](#).

The official said an evacuation was also underway at Kievsky train station.

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An unnamed source [told](#) Interfax that more than 4,000 people had been forced to evacuate so far.

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