

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 <u>evacuated</u> 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 Kapitoly, were evacuated on Wednesday, the state-run RIA Novosti news agency quoted an unnamed Moscow emergency service official as <u>saying</u>.

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

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An unnamed source <u>told</u> Interfax that more than 4,000 people had been forced to evacuate so far.

Multiple bomb threats also caused bars and restaurants to be evacuated in the city of Rostov-

on-Don during the World Cup in June.

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