

3 Killed in Magnitogorsk Minibus Blast After Deadly Apartment Explosion

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At least three people were killed in a minibus explosion Tuesday in the industrial city of Magnitogorsk, where more than a dozen residents have died in an apartment block blast.

Nineteen people are dead and dozens are still missing after a 10-story building partially collapsed on Monday in the Urals city some 1,700 kilometers east of Moscow. Authorities say a gas leak is suspected of causing the blast.

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Three people there have also died after a minibus caught on fire not far from the apartment block, Interfax [cited](#) the Chelyabinsk region governor's office as saying. Regional police told the news agency that "faulty gas equipment" inside the vehicle caused the deadly explosion.

Following anonymously sourced [reports suggesting](#) both explosions may have been acts of terrorism, Russia's Investigative Committee [said](#) no traces of explosives have been found in the rubble. Footage shared by local media showed a ball of fire followed by sounds of explosives or firearms being discharged.

President Vladimir Putin visited the site of the apartment blast tragedy on Monday. Wednesday has been declared a day of mourning in Magnitogorsk.

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