4 Injured in St. Petersburg Military Academy Explosion – Reports

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Up to four cadets have been injured in an explosion at a St. Petersburg military and space academy, Russian media outlets reported on Tuesday.

The explosion at the Mozhaysky Military Space Academy occurred during an attempt to move an undetonated shell, an unnamed source in the emergency services told the St. Petersburg–based 78.ru news channel.

A staircase collapse has blocked an escape path for 15 people stuck on the third floor, the outlet reported.

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An unnamed ambulance source told Interfax that four victims presumed to be cadets have been hospitalized.

The St. Petersburg-based fontanka.ru news website cited unnamed sources within law enforcement in [confirming](#) at least two injuries.

Around the same time, another student was [injured](#) by a jar that exploded at an agricultural university in Leningradsky region, the state-run RIA news outlet reported.

Update: Russia's Investigative Committee has begun a criminal investigation, the state-run TASS news agency [reported](#) *Tuesday evening. The Committee is treating the incident as an attempted murder case.*

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