

4 Children Killed in Massive Camp Fire in Russia's Far East

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Emergency Situations Ministry

Four children have died as a result of a massive fire that has all but wiped out a children's camp in the Russian Far East.

The fire broke out in the early hours of Tuesday, injuring several children and adults at the Khabarovsk region camp. Unnamed law enforcement officials [suggested](#) that a malfunctioning portable heater may have caused the blaze that destroyed the camp's tents, which had accommodated 189 children aged 7 to 15.

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Three girls and one boy were killed as a result of the fire, the state-run TASS news agency [quoted](#) the regional administration as saying Tuesday.

Governor Sergei Furgal [promised](#) financial assistance to the first victim's family.

Six children have been hospitalized and five adults treated after the fire, Russia's Health Ministry [said](#) Tuesday.

Russia's Investigative Committee said it has [opened](#) criminal cases into manslaughter and a violation of safety standards. It has [detained](#) Vitaly Burlakov, the director of the company that owns the camp, and Maxim Kuznetsov, the camp's director.

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