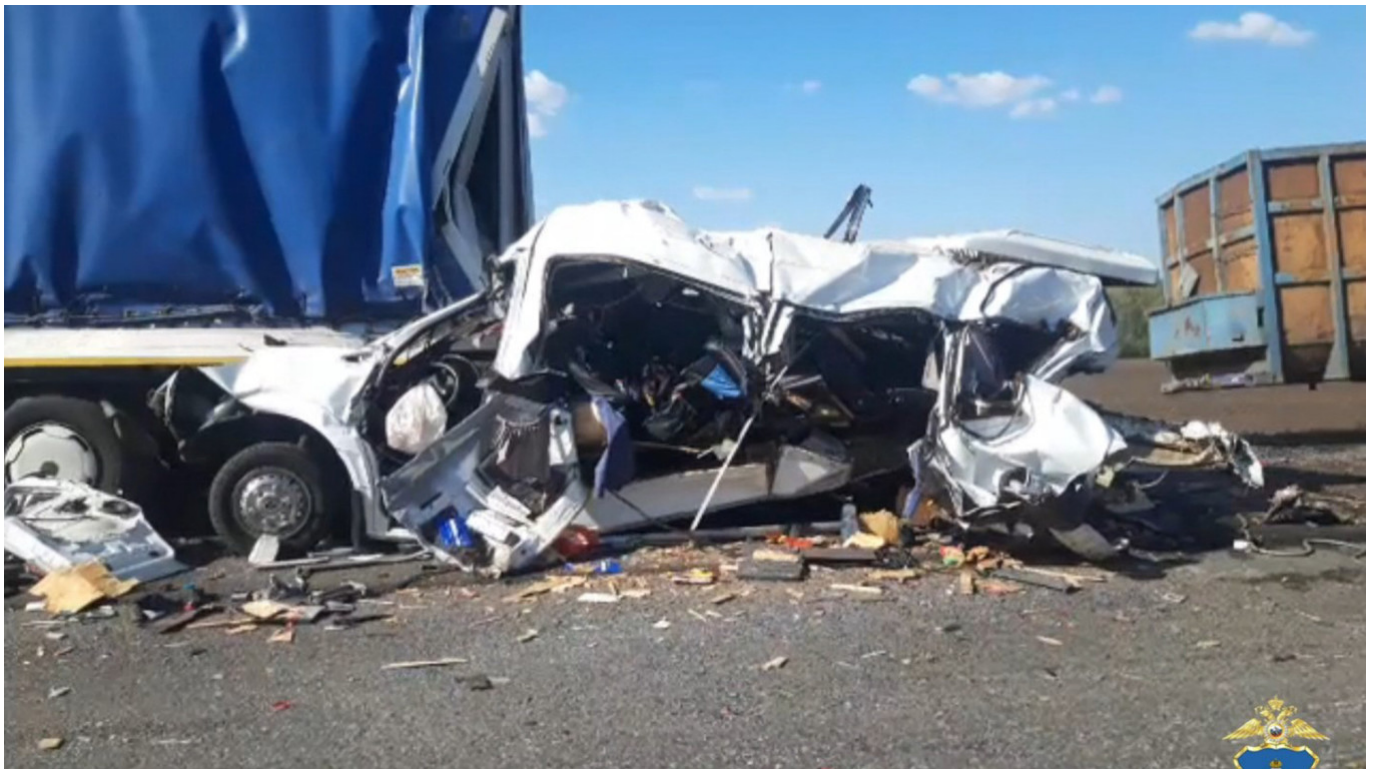


16 Dead in Russia Crash Between Minibus, Lorries

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Two lorries and a minibus have collided, the current death toll rising to 15, another three taken to hospital with severe injuries. **Russian Interior Ministry/TASS**

Sixteen people were killed Sunday when a minibus collided with two trucks in Russia's southern Ulyanovsk region, news agencies reported quoting emergency services.

According to witnesses quoted by news agencies, a truck veered off the road when it collided with a minibus traveling in the opposite direction near the village of Nikolayevka.

At the time of the accident, the minibus was also hit from behind by another truck. According to footage broadcast by Russian television channel Ren TV, the minibus was almost completely flattened by the two trucks.

The accident left 16 dead, 14 Kyrgyz citizens and two Russians, rescue services quoted by the TASS news agency.

Kyrgyzstan's foreign affairs minister confirmed the death of the country's 14 citizens in a statement.

Three other people — two men and a woman — were taken to hospital in a serious condition, Ulyanovsk regional Governor Alexei Ruskikh wrote on Telegram.

Violations of road safety regulations are common in Russia, where several deadly bus accidents have occurred in recent years.

In January, five people were killed and 21 injured in a bus accident in the Ryazan region, about 270 kilometers (170 miles) south of Moscow.

In December 2019, a bus with around 40 passengers on board plunged into a frozen river in the Zabaikalsk region of Siberia, killing 19 people and injuring 21.

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