

Armed Gang Kills 3 Police Officers in Russia's North Caucasus

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Russian law enforcement respond to the scene in the village of Zyazikov-Yurt in Ingushetia. **Russian Interior Ministry / TASS**

Three police officers were killed and eight injured in a shootout with armed gang members in Ingushetia on Thursday, the third attack on law enforcement officials in Russia's North Caucasus over the past week, state media [reported](#).

Authorities in the Republic of Ingushetia said that the shootout came as law enforcement was conducting an ongoing anti-terrorist operation to apprehend suspects in recent armed attacks.

Gunfire broke out while officers were checking homes in the village of Zyazikov-Yurt, where the gang was thought to be hiding, according to Telegram channel Baza, which is known to have connections with Russian security services.

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Videos posted online showed armed nighttime clashes in a residential neighborhood with repeated gunshots audible.

The body of a 26-year-old suspected gunman was reportedly found beside a firearm.

According to Interfax, the dead man is thought to have been connected to a March 27 assault on a traffic police post in Ingushetia, as well as a Monday attack on law enforcement officials in the region.

Ingushetia, a majority-Muslim republic bordering Chechnya in Russia's North Caucasus, has seen frequent attacks on law enforcement by militants in the region.

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