

# Gas Explosions Rip Through Apartment Building, Mobile Phone Store in Dagestan

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## Emergency Situations Ministry

At least six people were injured after separate explosions ripped through an apartment building and a mobile phone store in the republic of Dagestan, authorities [said](#) Tuesday.

Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry [said](#) the blasts — one inside a 14-story apartment building in Makhachkala and another at a mobile phone shop several kilometers away — were caused by gas leaks.

Security footage published by the Telegram news channel Baza [captured](#) the moment a powerful explosion shattered windows in the apartment building, sending debris crashing into a parking lot below.

Rescuers evacuated 150 people, while investigators launched a preliminary [probe](#) into the incident.

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Health officials in Dagestan said at least two people were [hospitalized](#) in that explosion, including a woman in critical condition.

The Makhachkala Mayor's Office initially said the apartment building was listed as an illegal construction but later [clarified](#) that a court had approved its occupancy in 2021.

Less than an hour after the apartment blast, a second explosion struck a mobile phone shop located 5 kilometers (3 miles) west of the apartment building, [injuring](#) four adults, according to regional health authorities.

Emergency officials said fires that broke out after the explosions were extinguished within an hour.

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