

Moscow Apartment Explosion Kills At Least 3

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Three people were killed after an explosion ripped through an apartment building in Moscow and sparked a fire, state media [reported](#) early Monday, citing police sources.

Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry [said](#) first responders arrived at the blast scene in Moscow's southwestern Yasenevo district on Sunday evening. It took fire crews around an hour to put out the flames, which caused part of the ninth floor of the building to collapse.

At least two bodies were found on a balcony, the ministry said, while six other people were being treated for injuries. Around 150 residents were temporarily [moved](#) to a nearby school.

An anonymous police source [told](#) the state-run RIA Novosti news agency that the death toll had climbed to three as of Monday morning. There was no official confirmation of the third death.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin [said](#) the cause of the fire was not yet known.

Law enforcement officials [launched](#) a criminal investigation into the explosion but did not say if charges had been brought against anyone.

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