

Explosions Rock Site of Russian Navy Drills in Far East

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A blocked road near Desantnaya Bay in Vladivostok. vl.ru

At least two powerful explosions rocked an area used for Russian Navy drills in the Far East Primorye region, the local branch of Russia's National Antiterrorism Committee (NAC) [said](#) Friday.

The blasts occurred early in the morning in Desantnaya Bay, located around 12 kilometers (7.5 miles) east of the regional capital Vladivostok, the NAC said. Authorities reported no casualties or damage.

“The threat has been neutralized by law enforcement agencies,” the NAC said in a statement, without providing further details.

Later, the agency [said](#) the explosions were caused by the ignition of propane cylinders inside a vehicle at the bay.

Local media shared video footage showing two trucks [transporting](#) passenger vehicles

covered in tarps away from the scene.

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The incident occurred less than two weeks after the Russian Navy's Pacific Fleet conducted amphibious assault [drills](#) in the area involving 300 troops. Similar exercises were held at the bay in February.

Access to Desantnaya Bay, which translates to "Landing Bay" in Russian, is [closed to civilians](#), according to the RBC news website.

Later on Friday, Ukrainian media, citing unnamed sources, [reported](#) that the explosions were part of a sabotage operation by Ukrainian military intelligence.

"Personnel, military equipment and special assets were struck," a source was quoted as saying.

The Moscow Times could not independently verify the claims.

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