

Transneft Vice President Dies in Apparent Fall From Window, Reports Say

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The vice president of Russia's state-owned oil pipeline monopoly Transneft has died after allegedly falling from a window at his home in the upscale Moscow suburb of Rublyovka, state media [reported](#) Friday.

Transneft [confirmed](#) Andrei Badalov's death at age 62 but did not comment on the circumstances. The company said his work came during a "difficult and stressful period" marked by Western sanctions.

Badalov's body was found beneath the windows of a home on the Rublyovo-Uspenskoye highway, the state-run TASS news agency reported, citing an unnamed law enforcement source.

"The preliminary cause of death is suicide," the source said, adding that a preliminary investigation was underway.

Badalov had overseen Transneft's digital transformation since his appointment as vice president in July 2021.

His death is the latest in a string of high-profile and unexplained deaths among senior executives in Russia's energy sector since the country launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

At least four deaths in 2022 were [linked](#) to the state energy giant Gazprom, while others involved executives from Novatek and Lukoil.

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