

Lightning Strike Kills 3 People at Tula Region Resort

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A lightning storm. **Yuri Smityuk / TASS**

Three people were killed and four others injured in a lightning strike at a riverside resort in Russia's Tula region, around 120 kilometers (75 miles) south of Moscow, authorities said Monday.

A man and a woman from Moscow, as well as a local teenage boy, [died](#) from their injuries before ambulances could arrive at the Shakhtyor resort, according to the state-run TASS news agency, citing regional health officials.

The Telegram news channel Baza, which has links to Russian law enforcement agencies, published a [photo](#) appearing to show a man's body on the riverbank near the resort. It identified the victims as a 55-year-old man, a 50-year-old woman and a 13-year-old boy.

Two women were hospitalized, one in critical condition. A man and a male teenager received medical treatment at the scene.

Regional prosecutors [said](#) they launched an investigation into possible safety violations.

“Prosecutors will inspect the beach area for required safety equipment and examine documentation related to the beach’s operation,” they said in a statement.

The incident came amid heavy rainstorms that swept through central Russia after a [heat wave](#) over the weekend.

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