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North Ossetia Bans Public Gatherings Over Reported Ukrainian Threats

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Vladikavkaz, North Ossetia-Alania. **Dmitry Feoktistov / TASS**

Authorities in Russia's republic of North Ossetia-Alania on Tuesday ordered a suspension of all public gatherings, citing alleged threats from Ukrainian intelligence targeting Russian military personnel and their families.

The regional operational headquarters, which coordinates security measures related to the war in Ukraine, said "all large public gatherings" were suspended until further notice.

Officials claimed the threats were issued in response to an upcoming "unsanctioned" rally in the regional capital, Vladikavkaz, though they did not elaborate on the nature or purpose of the event.

The announcement also included a ban on filming and photographing military facilities, critical infrastructure or drone crash sites, stating such actions were "strictly prohibited."

Authorities said security checks on vehicles traveling through the region would be intensified,

and they urged residents to avoid large crowds.

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The announcement followed a warning on Monday from North Ossetia's Interior Ministry against "unsanctioned public gatherings" and "provocative actions by participants," vowing to "act swiftly" to maintain public order.

On Friday, Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said it arrested two teenagers accused of planning a bomb attack on law enforcement authorities in North Ossetia. The teenagers were said to be involved with a banned terrorist organization.

It was not immediately clear whether those arrests were connected to Monday's ban on public gatherings in the region.

North Ossetia last reported a large-scale drone attack in April, when regional officials said 15 Ukrainian drones were intercepted. No casualties or damage were reported at the time.

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