

# Bodies of 3 Children Recovered From Moscow River After Ice Fall

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## Russian Emergencies Ministry

The bodies of three children have been recovered after they fell through a hole in the ice along the Moscow River earlier this month, emergency authorities said Tuesday.

The children, identified as 12-year-old boys Bogdan and Ivan and a 13-year-old girl, Alina, went [missing](#) on March 7 during a walk in the Moscow region town of Zvenigorod, located around 60 kilometers (37 miles) east of Moscow.

A major search operation involving more than 150 volunteers and rescue specialists was launched after they disappeared, though law enforcement authorities had [told](#) state media that the children were believed to have drowned.

Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry [found](#) the body of the first boy last Wednesday, followed by the body of the [second](#) boy on Friday.

On Tuesday, the ministry [declared](#) an end to an 11-day search operation after finding Alina's

body.

“This is an irreplaceable loss. It’s hard to accept and comprehend such a tragedy,” [said](#) Andrei Ivanov, who heads the Odintsovo district, adding that authorities would provide “all the necessary assistance” to the children’s families.

The Investigative Committee, Russia’s top investigative body, [said](#) last week that it launched a criminal probe into the disappearance of the children. It has not commented on the latest developments.

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