

Driver Killed in Moscow Region Car Explosion Near Site of General's Assassination

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A man was killed in a car explosion in a suburb east of Moscow, Russian law enforcement said Tuesday morning, with the blast taking place in the same city where a military general was assassinated in a similar incident last year.

The Investigative Committee, Russia's top investigative body, [said](#) the driver of an SUV sustained multiple injuries and died at the scene of the explosion, which occurred around 5:30 a.m. local time in the city of Balashikha.

Authorities did not disclose the identity of the driver.

Security camera footage circulated by pro-Kremlin media [showed](#) the vehicle bursting into flames from the trunk and back seats before rolling into a parked vehicle. According to the Telegram channel Mash, bystanders [rushed](#) to pull the driver out of the burning wreckage, but

he died shortly after.

The location of Tuesday's explosion is not far from where Lieutenant General Yaroslav Moskalik — the deputy head of the General Staff's main operational directorate — [was killed](#) in a car bombing last year.

The Moscow region prosecutor's office [said](#) it is overseeing the criminal investigation into the explosion. No suspects or motives have been named.

The bombing follows a string of assassination plots inside Russia targeting military officials, pro-war figures and Ukrainian defectors since the 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

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