

FSB Arrests Muscovite Accused of Planning to Blow Up Government Motorcade

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Russia's FSB security service arrested a man in Moscow accused of planning to blow up the motorcade of a high-ranking government official, state media reported Wednesday, citing the law enforcement agency.

In a statement carried by state media, the FSB [claimed](#) the man belonged to a designated terrorist group but did not specify which one.

"He planned to commit a terrorist act in the Moscow region by blowing up a vehicle that was part of the motorcade of a high-ranking Russian official," the agency was [quoted](#) as saying in a TASS report.

The FSB did not identify the targeted official.

A video released by state media showed what were said to be items the man allegedly planned

to use to make a bomb, including nails and canisters.

The FSB [claimed](#) the man purchased the items after searching online for how to make an improvised explosive device.

A Moscow judge ordered the man to be placed in pre-trial detention during the course of the FSB's criminal investigation, the agency said. He was charged with six counts, including preparing a terrorist attack, participat

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