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Gas Explosion in Altai Region Kills At Least One

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An apartment building in the Altai region that was partially destroyed following a gas explosion on Nov. 24, 2026. **altai-krai.sledcom.ru**

At least one person was killed and 14 others were injured on Tuesday when a gas explosion ripped through an apartment building in Siberia's Altai region.

The blast led to the partial collapse of the five-story building, located in the village of Kulunda near the Russian border with Kazakhstan.

A video released by the Investigative Committee, Russia's top investigative body, showed the upper floors and roof of the apartment building as having been destroyed, with large piles of rubble strewn across the ground.

Emergency personnel rescued six tenants, while another 20 people inside the building managed to escape on their own, according to the state-run TASS news agency.

Regional investigators reportedly identified a man who died in the blast as having been born

in 1974.

Emergency services said two people may still be trapped beneath the rubble of the apartment building.

Local authorities set up temporary shelters for the building's 127 registered tenants.

Investigators launched a criminal investigation into the deadly incident.

Gas explosions are not uncommon in Russia, where many people live in aging and poorly maintained residential buildings constructed during the Soviet era.

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