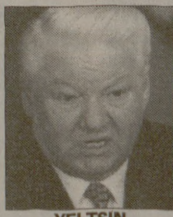


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Fourth terrorist explosion kills 17

MOSCOW (AP) — An explosion devastated an apartment building yesterday in southern Russia, leaving at least 17 people dead and 115 others injured in what authorities said was the fourth massive terrorist attack in two weeks.



YELTSIN

Explosives hidden in a truck demolished the front of a nine-story building in the city of Volgograd, close to Russia's volatile Caucasus Mountains region, where Russian forces have been battling militants, officials said.

The latest explosion came as speculation mounted in Moscow that President Boris Yeltsin's government could face a political crisis because of its apparent inability to end the wave of attacks.

Traces of explosives were found in the wreckage, the Federal Security Service said.

All of the explosions happened overnight, when residents were sleeping, apparently to inflict a maximum number of casualties.

The blast brought down the front of the building, badly damaged a nearby police station and about 20 other surrounding buildings, Interior Ministry officials said. The explosion left a four-yard crater in front of the apartment building.

At least 17 people were killed and 115 others were wounded, about 50 of them in serious condition, officials said.

Volgograd has a population of about 250,000 people and is 500 miles south of Moscow.

Firefighters fought a blaze that engulfed several floors of

the building, and rescue workers and volunteers pulled away piles of rubble, hunting for survivors, officials said.

The building is in a drab residential area of rows of similar apartment buildings.

Yeltsin discussed the latest explosion at a meeting today with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

"We have the strength and resources to wipe out terrorism," Yeltsin said, according to the Interfax news agency.

Yeltsin's fitness to govern Russia is again under question with the spate of recent bombings and the unresolved conflict in Dagestan in southern Russia, where rebels are battling Russian government forces.

The president has insisted he will not declare a state of emergency, and that he will serve out the remainder of his term, which expires in the middle of next year.

Moscow is buzzing with rumors of possible political changes.

There is daily speculation about the government declaring a state of emergency, which would allow Yeltsin to rule by decree.

There is also talk that Yeltsin may dismiss Putin, who assumed office just last month.

Many of the rumors are contradictory. Some said Yeltsin plans to extend his term by postponing or canceling parliamentary elections in December and the presidential poll set for next summer.

Other rumors said Yeltsin might suddenly resign in coming days, install Putin as interim president and announce presidential elections within three months in the expectation that Putin would win.

The Kremlin has denied each and every one of these rumors, but it has not stopped the speculation.

Monkeying around



Lead vocalist, Tony Park, of Pushmonkey performs their last show the year at the Texas Hall of Fame on Wednesday night.

Bush stands firm on gun view

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush said yesterday that "a wave of evil" is the cause of rampant gun violence in America.

Scrapping two fund-raisers to rush home to Texas and the scene of a deadly shooting spree, the GOP front-runner said the tragedy had not softened his pro-gun views.

"I don't know of a law — a governmental law — that will put love in people's hearts," the Texas governor told reporters. He toured a local elementary

school and met privately with President Gerald Ford before leaving Texas.

His eyes red and moist, Bush said "It's hard to explain how somebody's heart to the point where adults were seeking God's grace and shoots them."

Seven people were killed Wednesday night in a Fort Worth Baptist church before the gunman himself in a pew. Authorities know the man's motive.

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All holiday events are free of charge and occur at Hillel located across from campus at 800 George Bush, Suite 100.
Please contact Hillel for more information at telephone # 696-7313 or e-mail us at: <Hillel@startel.net>
Names for Yizcor must be received in the office by Sept. 18.

Gender Issues Luncheon with the Faculty and Administration
Would you like to express your opinions/perceptions of gender issues on campus? Are you interested in discussing your ideas and opinions with faculty, staff, and administrators to help bring about any needed changes?
Based on your interest, lunches will be scheduled throughout the semester to discuss these important issues. From those who respond, individuals will be randomly chosen to attend the lunches. Our goal is to create an atmosphere where students, faculty, staff, and administrators can openly discuss both problems and triumphs of gender issues on this campus.
If interested, please contact us at **week00@provost.tamu.edu**