



Alert Summary: Moscow Metro Bombings

Date: March 29, 2010

Location: Moscow,
Russia

Selected NIMC Updates:

There are reports of an explosion and casualties in central Moscow's Metro; no details available.

3/29/2010 00:20 EDT

At least 20 people were reportedly killed in an explosion at Lubyanka station.

3/29/2010 00:28 EDT

Second explosion at Park Kultury station struck Moscow's metro system; another 15 dead.

3/29/2010 01:01 EDT

At least 37 people are dead after two bombings on Moscow's metro system.

3/29/2010 03:53 EDT

Reports indicate Chechen groups may be responsible for subway bombs.

3/29/2010 07:17 EDT

Investigation of Moscow Metro suicide bombings ongoing. Incident closed.

3/29/2010 18:41 EDT

INCIDENT SITUATION

On March 29, two coordinated suicide bombing attacks occurred at separate stations on the Moscow Metro. The first bombing occurred at the Lubyanka Station at 7:56am local time (3:56am UTC), when a woman onboard a train at the platform detonated explosives strapped to her body. The explosion killed fifteen people on board the train, and another eleven people on the platform. Within forty minutes of that explosion, a second bombing occurred at the Park Kultury Station, when a passenger onboard an arriving train detonated another explosive, killing another fourteen commuters. The timing of the attacks demonstrated intent by the attackers to maximize casualties by striking the Metro at the height of the morning commute. Forty people were killed, and at least 100 other people were injured. The citywide public transit system was brought to a standstill after the second explosion, and an estimated seven million passengers were impacted. Precautionary closures of other metro stations subsequently occurred throughout the country, causing widespread transit disruptions. The incident represented the most deadly attack in Moscow in six years. Within hours of the attack, government officials with the Federal Security Service (FSB) declared that the incident was a terrorist attack perpetrated by Chechen separatists.

NC4 COVERAGE

NC4 provided an initial real-time alert through its External Situational Awareness (ESA) notification solution, nearly thirty minutes before local media. NC4's Incident Monitoring Center (NIMC) actively monitored the incident for developments and produced nine updated alerts in the eighteen hours after the attack, providing the latest updates and media articles on casualty numbers, public transit disruptions, and government response measures, including heightened airport security and customs control.