# Russian General Yaroslav Moskalik killed in Moscow car bomb attack



A high-ranking Russian military official, General Yaroslav Moskalik, deputy head of the Main Operational Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, has been killed in a powerful bomb explosion in Moscow. The incident occurred at approximately 10:40 a.m. local time near a residential block when the general was passing by a parked vehicle, identified as a Volkswagen Golf.

Footage of the explosion shows the car being obliterated, with the blast reportedly throwing General Moskalik several metres away. Reports indicate that the bomb was a specially constructed improvised explosive device (IED) concealed inside the vehicle. Investigators found traces of striking elements within the IED measuring about 6 mm in diameter. It is believed that the explosive device was detonated remotely, possibly by an observer positioned on the entrance balcony of a neighbouring apartment block.

The car used in the attack did not belong to the general, and there are suggestions that the vehicle may have been strategically parked near the general’s residence to facilitate the assault.

The assassination comes at a sensitive time as Steve Witkoff, a special envoy of former U.S. President Donald Trump, arrived in Moscow to hold talks with President Vladimir Putin regarding the ongoing conflict.

Russia has experienced similar attacks in recent months. In December, Lieutenant General Igor Kirillov, who headed Russia’s radiation, chemical and biological defence troops, was killed in a bombing near his apartment in Moscow. That killing was attributed to Ukrainian secret services by several reports.

While Ukraine has claimed responsibility for previous bombings in Moscow, it remains unclear who was behind the assassination of General Moskalik. The incident underscores a continued escalation of violent acts within the Russian capital involving top military personnel.

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