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Bomb attack in Moscow airport shows flagrant disregard for human life

Amnesty International condemns the bomb attack at the Moscow airport Domodedovo which took place at around 16.30 (13.30 GMT) in the arrivals lounge and has resulted in numerous victims. Currently, reports suggest that as many as 31 persons been killed and 130 injured.

The organization extends its condolences to the victims and their families.

Amnesty International considers that this attack reveals a blatant disregard for human life and is a flagrant violation of a fundamental right. It cannot be justified or excused.

The organization calls on the Russian authorities to carry out a thorough and impartial investigation and bring to justice those responsible for the atrocity in line with international human rights standards.

The last major bomb attack against civilians took place in Moscow in March 2010, when two suicide bombers blew themselves up on the same day at two metro stations, resulting in 40 people dead and over 100 injured.

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