

Islamic State claims knife attack in capital of Russia's southern Chechnya

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Cairo: Islamic State has claimed responsibility for a knife attack on police on Monday in the capital of Russia's southern Chechnya region, Al-Naba newspaper affiliated with the group said on Friday.

It made the claim without providing any evidence.

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Kadyrov said the attackers were brothers from the neighbouring region of Ingushetia who worked at a bakery in Chechnya. They were shot dead while trying to seize weapons, he said.

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