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## Apartment Explosion in Magnitogorsk, Chelyabinsk Oblast

According to concerned Russian authorities, no Filipinos are among the casualties of the explosion on 31 December 2018, in an apartment building in Magnitogorsk, Chelyabinsk Oblast 1,700 kilometers away from Moscow.

The Embassy wishes to express its deepest sympathies to the Government of the Russian Federation and to the families and friends of the victims. We also hope and pray for the quick recovery of those injured and for the safety of the first responders and recovery teams.

As of today, eight (8) persons have been confirmed dead and more than thirty are reported missing. The explosion is said to be caused by a gas leak.

The Embassy will continue to closely monitor the situation.

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