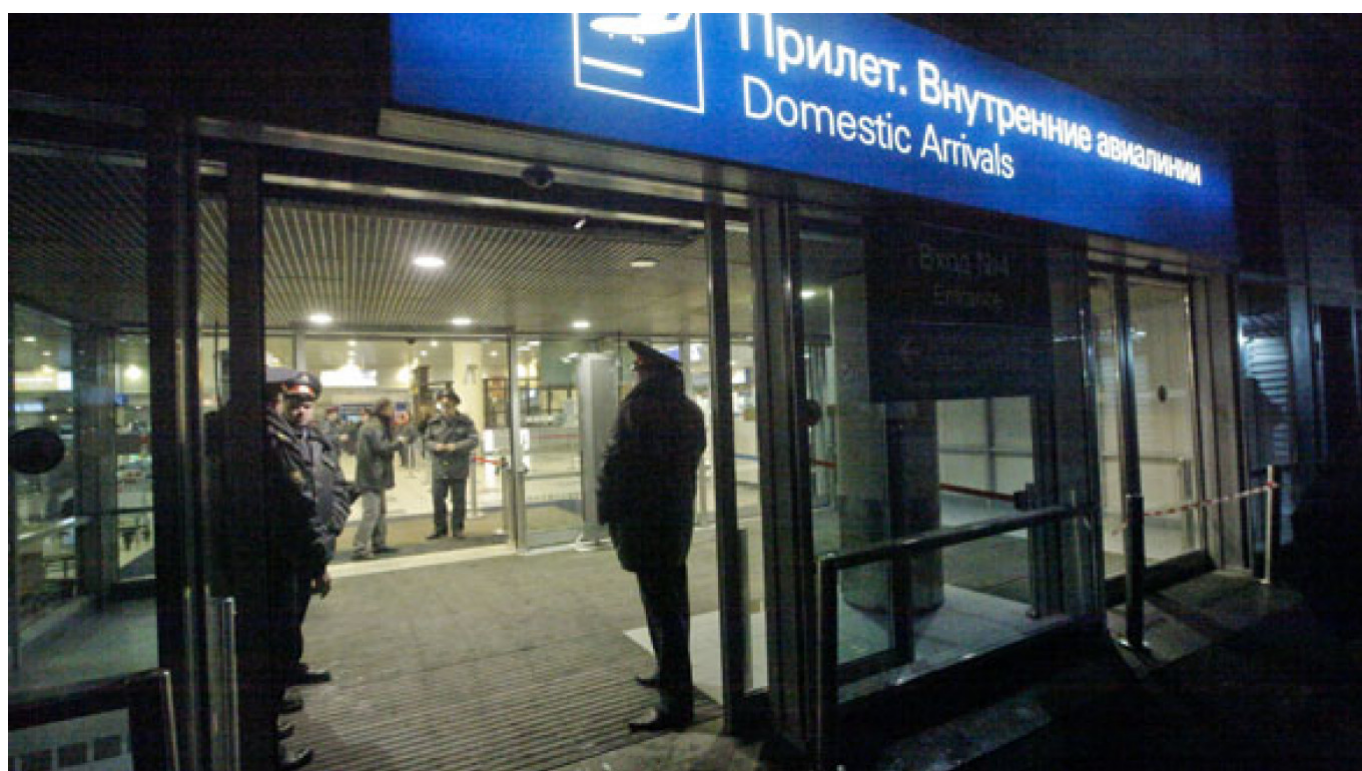


Case Dropped Against Airport Employees in Domodedovo Attack

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Security was tightened at Domodedovo airport following the terrorist bombing in January of last year.
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Investigators have dropped a criminal case against transportation police and the heads of companies working in Domodedovo airport at the time of a terrorist bombing at the airport in January of last year, the Investigative Committee said in a statement Friday.

The case was dropped because there was no legislation in place regulating security requirements for transit centers at the time of the attack, the statement said.

Following the suicide bombing that killed 37 people on Jan. 24 of last year, President Dmitry Medvedev pinned blame on Domodedovo management and vowed to hold them responsible for what he called lax security at the airport.

Investigators subsequently opened a case against former head of security for the airport Alexander Trushanin and two of his deputies and against the head of the Russian representative office of the company that owns Domodedovo, Igor Borisov, and his deputy,

among others.

A lawyer familiar with the case told Kommersant that it was inevitably going to be closed.

"The case had to be stopped sooner or later, since it was obvious from the very beginning that it was not the fault of the business owners that a suicide bomber passed through the police-guarded airport and blew himself up," the lawyer said.

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