

Scientist Says 'Dinosaur Eggs' Found in Chechnya Actually Rocks

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A paleontologist said objects found by Chechen geologists were rocks, not fossilized dinosaur eggs.

A Russian paleontologist on Thursday debunked a sensational report about fossilized dinosaur eggs having been found in a rocky hillside in Chechnya, saying the "eggs" were most likely just rocks.

No dinosaur bones have ever been found in Chechnya and eggs of the size discovered would be a first, said Alexander Karkhu of the Paleontology Institute, part of the Russian Academy of Sciences, RIA-Novosti reported Thursday.

"It is definitely geology. Eggs of dinosaurs that size have never been seen before. At the same time, there have been rather diverse discoveries that look like eggs: spherical, oval, ellipsoid shapes that are non-biological in origin," Karkhu said.

He said he had viewed video of the objects and was almost certain they were not eggs.

Earlier this week, geologists from Chechen State University said they had found about 40 objects ranging from 25 centimeters to 1 meter in diameter that they thought were dinosaur eggs.

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