

Fruit Entrepreneurs Murdered

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The head of a fruit farm was found dead in the Moscow region just hours after the director of a fruit market was murdered in the capital.

The farm director was found with four gunshot wounds to the head and a stab wound to the neck, TASS news agency reported Wednesday, citing a police source.

The victim reportedly owned a farm in the Stavropol region but resided in the capital. He was killed on Tuesday morning, the source was cited as saying.

Later that day, the owner of the Fruktovy Rai (Fruit Heaven) market, Robert Tsomai, was also shot dead by a gunman in southwest Moscow.

Investigators have not ruled out a connection between the two crimes, the TASS report said.

It is possible the two men were murdered by a contract killer in connection with a reshuffle at Fruktovy Rai, the news agency reported, citing the police source.

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