

Moscow Hopes for Thorough Investigation into Failed Coup in Macedonia - Foreign Ministry

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Moscow hopes for a thorough investigation into the failed attempted of coup in Macedonia, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

On January 31, Macedonia's law enforcement authorities reported they prevented an attempted coup. The country's leadership said leader of the biggest opposing Social-Democratic Union and foreign intelligence services were involved in the failed attempt.

"We express hope for a thorough investigation into it in the interests of stability and security in Macedonia," the foreign ministry said. "We are calling on all political forces of that country to act in compliance with the constitution-based democratic institutions, to solve the problems by means of a dialogue. Aggravation of the situation in friendly Macedonia may cause dangerous escalation of ethnic conflicts in the country."

"This situation proves once again the importance of Russia's suggestion the OSCE should adopt a document banning anti-constitutional coups," the foreign ministry said.

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