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U.N. Mission Is Bombed; 7 Injured

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NEW YORK — A bomb went off outside the Soviet Mission to the United Nations Tuesday night, injuring four Russians inside the building and three police officers who were guarding the structure.

About 40 minutes after the blast, a caller to United Press International and The Associated Press said he was with Omega 7 — an anti-Castro group — and claimed responsibility for the bombing.

"We make evident this way our repudiation to Soviet colonialism," the caller said.

It was the second bombing in less than a week for which Omega 7 claimed responsibility. Friday night, Omega 7 claimed responsibility for a bomb that exploded outside the Cuban Mission to the U.N. Two policemen outside that building suffered minor injuries.

A spokesman at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, where two officers were taken, said neither was seriously hurt. One was reported to have "a couple of cuts" and the other was said to be "a little shaken up."

The other officer was taken to Lenox Hill Hospital. His condition or that of the Russians was not known.

The bomb blast occurred at 9:38 p.m.

Ellen Fleysher, deputy police commissioner for press relations, said police and FBI agents were not allowed inside the mission. But she said Russian officials reported four people inside the building were hurt.

The Russians refused medical assistance for the injured and said "our own physicians will take care of them," Fleysher reported.

The blast blew out windows in at least three floors of the brick mission building on Manhattan's upper East Side. It also shattered windows in a large apartment building across the street.

Fleysher said the bomb was planted in the driveway to the mission's garage.