

Domodedovo airport: a symbol of modern Russia that became a target

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Groups fighting for independence from Russia have launched terrorist attacks from the airport before [Cerwyn Moore's](#) ([/staff/profiles/government-society/moore-cerwyn.aspx](#)) article in the guardian following the blast at an international airport in Russia.

Designed as a modern secure airport handling international and domestic flights, Domodedovo became a symbol of contemporary Russia under Vladimir Putin: a refurbished, busy international gateway, a progressive vision of Russia. Perhaps for this reason it was a target of groups fighting for independence from Russia.

If groups linked to north Caucasus are responsible for the Moscow airport attack, a short-term military response, papering over the problems that beset the region, may not be sufficient. The response of the Russian authorities may be critical, demonstrating that Russia can tackle long-term issues, both political and social.

Read the full article on the [Guardian website](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/24/moscow-domodedovo-airport-russia-target) (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/24/moscow-domodedovo-airport-russia-target>)