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Death toll climbs following New Year's blast at Swiss ski resort

Local hospitals are reportedly overwhelmed with burn victims following a devastating explosion that claimed as many as 40 lives

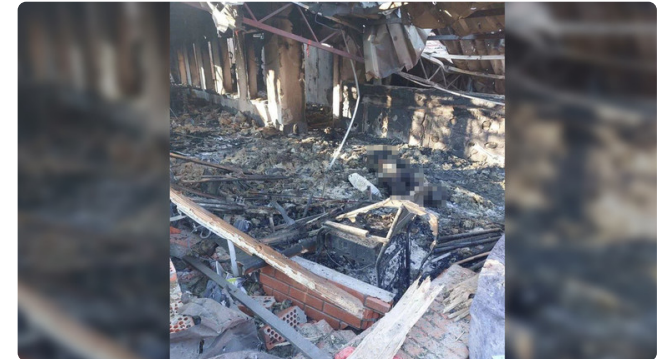


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A popular nightlife venue in the ski resort of Crans-Montana was rocked by an explosion shortly after the arrival of the New Year, reportedly killing dozens of people and leaving many others injured, Swiss police have said.

Police have not released exact figures as families are still being notified, but as many as 40 people were killed and many others injured, some of them seriously, local media have reported, citing sources.

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Local hospitals are reportedly overwhelmed with burn victims, according to Le Nouvelliste.

"There has been an explosion of unknown origin," Gaetan Lathion, a local police spokesman, told AFP.

Emergency services were dispatched shortly after midnight following reports of a powerful blast and fire at or near a bar and lounge frequented by vacationers.

Eyewitness footage circulating on social media shows flames engulfing part of the venue and thick smoke rising into the night sky.

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Crans-Montana, located in the canton of Valais in southwestern Switzerland, is one of the country's best-known alpine resorts. Authorities have cordoned off the affected area while forensic teams examine the site.

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 **Aleja#28** 1/1/2026 at 3:20 PM -1

Don't say it was Russia because that reeks of Muslims

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 **Frost Wing** 1/1/2026 at 6:28 PM ↑

Wherever there's trouble, Zionist Jews are not far away

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 **Conor Goldman** 1/1/2026 at 6:22 PM 1

We need more burning Europeans

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 **Paul Budak** 1/1/2026 at 6:09 PM 0

Hmmmm, best we wait for the law suits to see who was at fault , even if it was an accident some one will be sued.

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 **SyO** 1/1/2026 at 5:52 PM 0

Something to do with CERN?

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 **Rutus Hannassey** 1/1/2026 at 5:48 PM 0

Sad just think all the beautiful pure white Swiss girls blessingingly fertile and pure that were there and lost their lives. So very sad.

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 **Femi** 1/1/2026 at 11:09 AM -1

Is this not getting out of hand...

Physics; Action and Reaction.

Is Russia finally taking off its gloves....two can play this game?

The whole world needs to stand up to these sick people in ukraine..Can they not just leave their fellow ukrainians ALONE. WHO CARES IF THEY WANT TO SPEAK RUSSIAN....Its the only language they are comfortable speaking.....WHO CARES!!!

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 **Jesse Billings** 1/1/2026 at 1:49 PM 10

Wtf are you talking about? This article is about an explosion at a ski resort in Switzerland. Better take your meds

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 **SyO** 1/1/2026 at 5:46 PM 0

No, he sounds like he took too much «medicine»

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 **Joshuahn Jackstonburg** 1/1/2026 at 4:26 PM -2

Gas bottle storage area perhaps

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 **Daddy** 1/1/2026 at 5:14 PM 0

Ha...ha...Sure. Check little prints on Wall Street Journal.

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 **Mi Samsung** 1/1/2026 at 5:41 PM 0

Most likely that or a gas leak. How sad that for a few Swiss Francs a detector could have been bought that might have detected the gas.

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 **Jiszmo** 1/1/2026 at 8:34 AM

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hmmm.... Ukraine or Israel?

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 **Pravda 2000** 1/1/2026 at 8:41 AM ↑

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Neither, just local stupidity.


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 **Daddy** 1/1/2026 at 5:31 PM ↑

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...what about being a message from Virgin Islands addressed to a friend?

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What about it? There was nothing of the sort in the above article!

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