

# Austrian police searching for group of men 'of foreign appearance' over New Year's Eve sexual assaults in Innsbruck

*From the [Local](#) (which omits the foreign origin of the suspects) the [Russia Today](#)*

Police in the Austrian city of Innsbruck are searching for a group of men "of foreign appearance" in connection with a series of sexual assaults on women during New Year celebrations. The men, described as Asian or north African, surrounded 18 women watching a firework display, kissing and groping them, police said.

Nineteen women have so far come forward to identify themselves as victims of the assaults, which are [Russia Today](#) is worth watching. Apparently the North African 'criminal fraternity' have been a source of concern for some years. I'm not surprised. The atmosphere in Innsbruck when I visited 2 years ago for the first time in over 20 years (the Tyrol was a frequent holiday destination in my younger days) was, not menacing and I am used to a very big city, shall we say changed.