Canadian Diplomat Found Dead

A Canadian diplomat has been found dead in his home in Moscow, the police said Wednesday.

Marc Bastien, 35, was found Tuesday in his apartment at a diplomatic compound at 7 Kutuzovsky Prospekt, the police said. There were no signs of violence.

Bastien was found by his cleaning lady at 4:50 p.m. on Tuesday. He had been dead for about six hours, a police spokesman said.

"We are not aware of any investigation being launched. The causes of his death appear to be natural," he said.

The Canadian Embassy confirmed in a statement that no signs of violence had been found at the scene.

The exact cause of death will be established only after a post mortem is conducted in Canada, an embassy official said in a telephone interview.

"Bastien's relatives have already been informed. We all are saddened by his death and express our deepest sympathy with those close to him," the official said.

The position Bastien held at the embassy was not disclosed.