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Burger King Is Still Open in Russia

In March 2022, the president of Burger King parent Restaurant Business International said the company had 'suspended all corporate support for the Russian market'

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A Burger King restaurant in Yekaterinburg, Russia. Pallava Bagla/Corbis via Getty Images

Burger King is [still open in Russia](#) after the fast food chain's owner, Restaurant Business International, said last year it would "[like to suspend all Burger King operations immediately in Russia](#)" while citing challenges to do so, the BBC reported.

In March 2022, a month after Russia invaded Ukraine, the president of Restaurant Brands International, David Shear, said it had "suspended all corporate support for the Russian market" and "started the process to dispose our ownership stake in the business." At the time, Shear said the company wasn't able to "unilaterally" suspend business due to franchise agreements.

Shear noted that it had "contracted the main operator of the business and demanded the suspension of Burger King restaurant operations in Russia," but the operator had "refused to do so."



There are around 800 Burger King locations in Russia, according to the company. Mikhail Svetlov/Getty Images

RBI said there were "no new updates to share at this time" on an exit from Russia, in a statement shared with the BBC.

The company, which owns 15% of the Burger King franchises in the country, told the BBC that it had not made any profits from its 800 restaurants in Russia since 2022.

"[The firm] should be willing to break its agreement... It needs to accept the legal risk of doing the right thing," Mark Dixon, the founder of the Moral Rating Agency, a group supporting the exit of western businesses from Russia, told the BBC.

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RBI did not immediately respond to The Messenger's request for comment.

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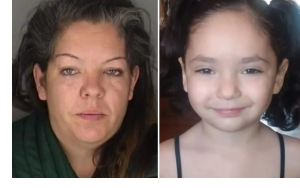
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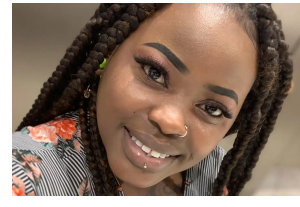
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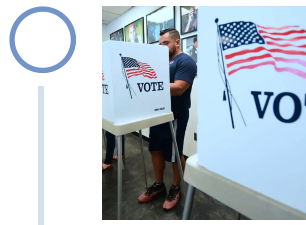
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