

# KILLING OF KADYROV CRITIC UMAR ISRAILOV IN VIENNA

Umar Israilov, a former Kadyrov bodyguard who had filed a complaint against Ramzan Kadyrov at the ECtHR, was shot dead in Vienna in a failed kidnapping. In June 2011 a Vienna court convicted three men, including the group's leader, who received life imprisonment. Austrian investigators believed, largely on circumstantial evidence, that Kadyrov, head of the Russian Federation's Chechen Republic, ordered the kidnapping; he denied it and was not charged.

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## DEGREE OF PROOF

### OFFICIAL ATTRIBUTION

A government, a prosecutor, the EU, NATO or a UN body has formally named Russia, its services or its state-backed forces. This is a position of that authority, not a verdict.

## WHO ESTABLISHED IT

Vienna court verdict, June 2011: Otto Kaltenbrunner (life), Suleiman Dadayev (19 yrs), Turpal Ali Yeshurkayev (16 yrs) convicted. Link to Kadyrov rests on Austrian investigators' assessment; the court's attempt to hear Kadyrov by video link failed.

## LATEST

Convictions stand; no charges against Kadyrov or other Russian officials.

## SOURCES

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## WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Attribute jointly and publicly; raise it at the UN.
- Sanction the officers and units who ordered the operation, not only those who carried it out.
- Expel intelligence officers operating under diplomatic cover.

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