

ZELIMKHAN KHANGOSHVILI SHOT DEAD IN BERLIN'S KLEINER TIERGARTEN

Zelimkhan (Tornike) Khangoshvili, a Georgian citizen of Chechen ethnicity and former Second Chechen War commander, was shot dead in a Berlin park on 23 August 2019 by a gunman on a bicycle. One person was killed.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

COURT FINDING

A court, the European Court of Human Rights or a judicial public inquiry has found that Russia or its agents were responsible.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

The Berlin Higher Regional Court (Kammergericht) on 15 December 2021 sentenced Russian national Vadim Krasikov (alias 'Vadim Sokolov') to life imprisonment, finding he acted on the orders of Russian central state authorities under a false identity prepared by the Russian state.

LATEST

Krasikov was released by Germany in the 1 August 2024 multinational prisoner exchange in Ankara; on 2 August 2024 the Kremlin acknowledged he is an FSB officer.

SOURCES

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<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/russia-acknowledges-kremlin-operatives-were-among-citizens-freed-in-prisoner-swap>

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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