

KILLING OF FORMER CHECHEN COMMANDER SULIM YAMADAYEV IN DUBAI

Sulim Yamadayev, a former Chechen battalion commander and rival of Ramzan Kadyrov, was shot dead in Dubai. Dubai's police chief publicly named Russian State Duma deputy Adam Delimkhanov, a Kadyrov relative, as the alleged organiser and said he was on Interpol's wanted list. Two accomplices were convicted in Dubai in 2010; Delimkhanov denied involvement and was never tried.

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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

Dubai Police chief Lt Gen Dahi Khalfan Tamim, April 2009: said Delimkhanov masterminded the killing and that he was 'officially wanted by Interpol'. Dubai court, April 2010: convicted Mehdi Taqi Dahuria (Iran) and Makhsood Jan Asmatov (Tajikistan) of aiding the killing (life, reduced to 3 years on appeal in Dec 2010).

LATEST

Moscow Times reported in 2012 that Delimkhanov was removed from the Interpol list and that Dubai halted the search; he was never tried.

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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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