

CAR-BOMB KILLING OF ZELIMKHAN YANDARBIYEV IN DOHA

Former Chechen separatist leader Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev was killed by a car bomb in Doha; his 14-year-old son was wounded. In June 2004 a Qatari court convicted two Russian intelligence officers of the murder, attempted murder and arms smuggling. Qatar handed them over to Russia in December 2004 to serve their sentences there.

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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

Doha criminal court, 30 June 2004: convicted two Russian intelligence agents (Anatoly Belashkov/Bilashkov and Vasily Bogachev/Pokchov, spellings vary); Judge Ibrahim al-Nisf said the evidence showed the killing was directed from Moscow. Russia denied involvement.

LATEST

Convicts transferred to Russia in December 2004 under a bilateral accord; Al Jazeera reported in February 2005 they were no longer in prison in Russia.

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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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