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Editor Abdulmumin Gadzhiev Detained in Russia on Terrorism Charges

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👉 1 Journalist in detention

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On 14 June 2019, the security services of the Republic of Dagestan arrested journalist Abdulmumin Gadzhiev, editor of the religious section of Makhachkala-based newspaper Chernovik, on terrorism charges, according to his employer and media reports. They also searched his home in his absence, and seized phones and computers, according to the same sources. Gadzhiev's lawyer said the journalist is facing criminal charges of participation in a terrorist organisation for allegedly wiring money to a man suspected by the Russian government of financing terrorist organizations, according to news website MBK News. Chernovik's staff denied the charges and alleged they were in retaliation for Gazhiyev's work, the news outlet reported. If found guilty, Gadzhiev could face up to 20 years in prison, in accordance with the Russian criminal code.

UPDATES

18 May 2020: On 13 May 2020, the Sovetskiy District Court of Makhachkala ruled to extend again Gadzhiev's pre-trial detention for one month.

17 Apr 2020: On 27 March 2020, authorities filed new charges against Gadzhiev, accusing him of participation in an extremist organisation. If convicted of participating in an extremist organisation, Gadzhiev could face up to 10 years in prison.


👉 CPJ report

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



[➔ RSF statement: "Russia: Testimony extracted under torture used to jail Dagestani journalist"](#)

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JOURNALISTS IN DETENTION

Currently in detention (1):

Abdulmumin Gadzhiev