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Medvedev Signs Bill Widening FSB Powers

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President Dmitry Medvedev, right, entering a hall to attend a special conference in the Kremlin earlier this week. Medvedev signed into law a measure that allows the FSB to issue warnings to people ab **Denis Sinyakov**

President Dmitry Medvedev on Thursday signed a law that expands the powers of the Federal Security Service by allowing it to warn people about crimes they have not committed.

The law, which permits the FSB to issue warnings to people it deems are preparing to commit crimes, has been criticized by the opposition and human rights activists.

Medvedev took credit for the bill when asked about it at a news conference earlier this month, saying "every country has a right to improve its legislation, including that related to the special services."

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