

Judge Shot in Caucasus

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A Kabardino-Balkaria judge was shot dead near his home in the republic's Baksansky district, where Islamist militants raided and blew up a hydropower station in July, Interfax reported.

Dzhulber Bykov, 46, died on the spot after being peppered with bullets by unidentified assailants armed with a pistol in the village of Baksanyonok late Tuesday, the report said, citing the local branch of the Investigative Committee.

The committee said the killing might be linked to the professional activities of Bykov, who spent 21 years in the police before becoming a judge in 2005. ■

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