

## 200 Detainees Died in 2009

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More than 200 people with serious illnesses died in pretrial detention facilities last year, said Pavel Krasheninnikov, chairman of the State Duma's Legislature Committee, Interfax reported Monday.

The lawmaker said the detainees should have been released because they posed no threat to society.

The Duma will consider next month in the first reading a Kremlin-backed bill that would ban pretrial detentions for people with serious illnesses. Krasheninnikov said the bill would pass all three required readings in a month.

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