

Expulsion for Kremlin Ride

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A Chechen-born student was jailed for three days and expelled from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations for driving through Alexandrovsky Garden by the Kremlin walls, news reports said Friday.

Surkho Taramov, 19, the son of a wealthy Chechen businessman, parked his car by the eternal flame memorial and then sped away after police officers attempted to fine him 4,500 rubles (\$150) last Monday, the Rapsi legal news web site reported. He was detained by traffic police half an hour later.

Taramov was jailed for disobeying a police order, the report said. Meanwhile, his institute said he was expelled, but cited his poor grades, not the incident, as the reason, Ekho Moskvyy radio reported.✕

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