

Baturina's Lawsuits Rejected

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Moscow's Presnensky District Court on Tuesday refused to consider two defamation lawsuits filed by billionaire Yelena Baturina's Inteko company against NTV television for September reports that linked her and her husband, former Mayor Yury Luzhkov, to corruption, Interfax reported.

The lawsuits should be filed with an arbitration court instead, a court spokesman said. Inteko said it may appeal.

Meanwhile, self-exiled businessman Boris Berezovsky said Tuesday that he was ready to provide financial support to Baturina and Luzhkov should they seek asylum in Britain, where he lives, Interfax said.

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