

Luzhkov Crossed Off Suit

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The Moscow City Court has dropped former Mayor Yury Luzhkov from the list of defendants in a lawsuit filed by A Just Russia over October 2009 City Duma elections, court spokeswoman Anna Usachyova said Friday.

The list now only includes the ruling United Russia party and the city election committee, she told Interfax.

The pro-Kremlin Just Russia is seeking to have the election results annulled on the grounds that city officials helped United Russia secure victory.

Nikolai Levichev, head of A Just Russia's State Duma faction, told Interfax that the decision to drop Luzhkov — who failed to attend previous hearings in the case — was “biased.” ☒

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