

Police Win New Times Suit

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Moscow police on Thursday won a defamation lawsuit against opposition magazine The New Times over a February story about bad working conditions for riot police and violations by top brass, Interfax reported.

A Moscow district court ordered the magazine to retract statements about officers being forced to make arrests on falsified pretexts and policemen who moonlight as bodyguards for gangsters.

The story's reporters, Ilya Barabanov and Nikita Aronov, were ordered to pay 100 rubles (\$3) each to the two officers who were plaintiffs, the report said. The reporters plan to appeal.

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