

Novaya Gazeta Loses Suit

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Vladimir Kozhin, chief of the Office for Presidential Affairs, won a defamation lawsuit against opposition newspaper Novaya Gazeta on Friday over [a July report](#) about corruption in the agency, the newspaper said in a statement.

A Moscow court ordered the newspaper to pay Kozhin 100,000 rubles (\$3,200) and retract its statement that the Office of Presidential Affairs allotted 800 million rubles (\$25 million) for a Sochi construction project that was already finished.

The reporter, Roman Anin, and businessman Valery Morozov, who made allegations in the article, were fined 30,000 rubles each, Novaya Gazeta said [on its blog](#). The newspaper promised to appeal.

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