

2 Deny Road Rage

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Two high-profile public figures implicated in separate road rage accidents involving flashing blue lights have denied wrongdoing, news reports said Friday.

A spokesman for tycoon Telman Ismailov's AST group said neither the company nor cars used by Ismailov's family were equipped with flashing blue lights, which may only be used by state officials, Interfax said.

Earlier reports said people in a car with a flashing blue light allegedly carrying Ismailov's son attacked a motorist Nov. 24 for not giving way.

A car used by Makhmud Sakalov, Ingushetia's legislature speaker, was implicated in a similar incident Nov. 28, but Sakalov said his driver was using the vehicle without authorization, Gazeta.ru reported.

Police have opened checks into both incidents.

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