

Judo Federation Official Gunned Down in Dagestan

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MAKHACHKALA — Police in Russia's restive province of Dagestan say a sports official has been gunned down.

Police spokesman Shamil Guseinov said Dzhabrail Barkalayev, vice president of the regional judo federation, was shot and killed Friday by an unidentified assailant outside the federation's headquarters in Dagestan's capital, Makhachkala.

Guseinov refused to comment on possible motives behind the killing.

Dagestan sees near-daily violence connected to criminal gangs and to insurgents inspired by separatists in neighboring Chechnya.

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