

# Tsar Case Closed

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An investigation into the death of Russia's last tsar, Nicholas II, executed with his family in 1918, has been closed by the Investigative Committee, the agency said Monday, Interfax reported.

The investigation concluded that the tsar and his family were executed near Yekaterinburg on orders of local Soviet authorities, with the bodies buried nearby, the committee said.

The Russian Orthodox Church and Romanov descendants have refused to admit authenticity of the remains found in Yekaterinburg. The Romanovs also insist that the execution order was given by supreme, not local, Soviet authorities. ☒

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