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Storchak Case Discontinued

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Investigators have closed the embezzlement case against Deputy Finance Minister Sergei Storchak because of a lack of evidence, his lawyer Andrei Romashov said Monday.

Romashov said the action was taken in connection with an arbitration court decision that downgrades the case against Storchak to the sphere of civil law.

Storchak, who was in charge of the country's foreign debt, was arrested in November 2007. Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin repeatedly expressed his support for Storchak and filed several petitions for the dismissal of the case.

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