

## **Deputy's Apartment Seized**

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A Moscow court on Monday sanctioned the seizure of an apartment of State Duma Deputy Ashot Yegiazaryan, just days after the Duma approved the arrest of the fugitive lawmaker.

The Basmanny District Court rejected an appeal by Yegiazaryan's lawyers against last December's seizure of his apartment in the city center, RIA-Novosti reported.

The lawmaker, currently in the United States, is accused of large-scale fraud after a billion-dollar real estate dispute with City Hall and billionaire Senator Suleiman Kerimov. Writing in The Moscow Times last week, Yegiazaryan said the legal onslaught against him is "a conspiracy orchestrated by politically connected individuals."

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