

Scientology Ban Lifted

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The Church of Scientology said Russian authorities have lifted a ban on some of its publications.

A statement on the web site of the organization's Russian branch said 29 books and lectures by the movement's founder, L. Ron Hubbard, were banned in late April after a Surgut court found them extremist. It said Tuesday that the Justice Ministry has dropped the publications from its list of extremist literature.

Ministry officials refused immediate comment, but an online list of extremist literature did not mention Scientology materials Wednesday.

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