

12 Neo-Nazis Jailed for 27 Hate Killings

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A Moscow court on Monday sentenced 12 neo-Nazis to prison terms of 10 years to life in connection with 27 hate killings and attempted murder and attempting to organize a terrorist attack.

The 11 men and one woman were members of the National Socialist Society, a group banned by the Supreme Court in February 2010 as extremist, and they used the Internet to plot attacks on people of non-Slavic appearance, antifascists and even members of the National Socialist Society suspected of working in the government, Interfax [reported](#).

The court sentenced seven defendants to life and the other five to prison terms of 10 to 23 years. A 13th defendant got a suspended eight-year sentence.

The defendants, aged 20 to 30, used hammers, knives and other weapons to kill their targets in 2007 and 2008, news reports [said](#).

Four of the defendants denied the charges, including the group's purported leader, Leo Molotkov, whom the court declared guilty of staging an explosion at a train station.

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