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Sabers for Officials

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Dagestan's republican administration opened a tender for eight sabers with silver handles and blades made from a local variety of Damascus steel, pricing them at 35,000 to 55,000 rubles ($1,100 to $1,800) apiece.

The tender for "souvenirs," which was launched on Zakupki.gov.ru on Wednesday, also includes one shashka — a type of saber from the Caucasus — and a silver jar with two glasses, and has a combined price tag of 494,000 rubles.

The sabers are a traditional gift the administration gives to high-profile visitors, entrepreneurs and "outstanding employees," the president of the republic's press office told Komsomolskaya Pravda.

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