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Kavkaz Center 'Extremist'

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The mouthpiece of Islamist insurgency in the North Caucasus, web site KavkazCenter.com, will be added to the federal list of extremist materials, a Moscow district court ruled Monday, RIA-Novosti said.

The ban, which covers all the site's publications and mirror sites, was requested by the Prosecutor General's Office. It remained unclear whether Internet service providers will be ordered to close access to the site, which was accessible from Russia on Monday.

Russian officials have long campaigned against KavkazCenter.com, whose servers were earlier banished from Lithuania and Sweden and are currently based in Finland.

A Novosibirsk court in 2007 ordered providers to block access to certain publications of KavkazCenter.com, but did not rule the whole site extremist.

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