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Russian Charged in Moldova

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CHISINAU, Moldova — Moldovan prosecutors have charged a Russian journalist with helping to organize anti-government protests in which three protesters were killed and dozens of protesters were injured.

Prosecutors said in a statement released late last week that Eduard Baghirov planned "a Twitter-type revolution" to compromise the pro-European opposition. Protesters who supported the opposition claimed that the April 2009 parliamentary elections were rigged by the Communist government.

The statement said Baghirov infiltrated social networking groups prior to street protests and used "technology to manipulate the masses."

Baghirov, who was arrested in June, claims that the charges are politically motivated because he does not support the government. He faces up to eight years in prison.

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