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2 Convicted in Fan's Murder

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A Moscow jury on Wednesday convicted two Chechens in the killing of a Spartak football fan in July 2010, RIA-Novosti reported.

Investigators say defendants Akhmedpasha Aidayev and Bekhan Ibragi stabbed Yury Volkov, 22, who worked for Russia state television, to death in a brawl that they instigated.

The defendants are expected to be sentenced Thursday.

Volkov's death, which football fans believe was driven by ethnic hatred, has provoked public rallies against the authorities.

A defense lawyer said earlier this week that the case was being fast-tracked to placate nationalists ahead of an annual nationalist march on Nov. 4.

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