

Ukraine Wants Extradition

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KIEV — Ukrainian prosecutors are seeking to extradite a leading opposition politician detained in Italy and wanted at home on abuse-of-power charges, the Prosecutor General's Office said Tuesday.

Arsen Avakov, governor of the eastern Kharkiv region in 2005-10 and an ally of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko — herself jailed last year on similar charges — was detained in the Italian town of Frosinone on Monday, state prosecutors said.

“In response to a request from the Italian side, the Prosecutor General's Office is preparing a package of documents (required) to extradite ... Avakov to Ukraine,” the office said in a statement. ☒

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