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FSB Beats Up Bashkortostan Cop

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An FSB officer in military uniform

A police officer investigating organized crime in Bashkortostan was urgently hospitalized after receiving a beating from Federal Security Service officials, police said Tuesday.

According to police, FSB officers were questioning colleague Azer Mamedov as a witness in a criminal case at the time that he received multiple injuries to his face, body and arms.

His injuries included a brain contusion, cranial and nasal fractures, a broken pelvis and various injuries to his arms, groin and buttocks, police said in a statement on their website.

"Going by preliminary evidence, the given bodily injuries were caused by unidentified employees of the Bashkortostan branch of the FSB while he was detained on the premises of the local FSB administration," the statement read.

After Mamedov was hospitalized, his parents complained to the local branch of the

Investigative Committee and Prosecutor General's Office.

Police added that they had no evidence that Mamedov was complicit in any criminal activities.

The Investigative Committee said it was looking into the matter, while police and security service officials are conducting internal checks, the police statement said.

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