

Ukraine to Extradite Suspect

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A Ukrainian court on Tuesday ordered the extradition of the suspected leader of a foiled plot to assassinate Russian President Vladimir Putin, Interfax reported.

Days before the March 4 presidential election, Russian state media carried news of a plot by Islamist rebels to kill Putin.

State television said the plotters had planned to plant a bomb in central Moscow to kill Putin while riding in his motorcade.

The report provoked ridicule from Putin's opponents, who said it was a crude attempt to boost the former KGB spy's popularity before the election.

The Appeals Court of the Odessa region on Tuesday supported state prosecutors' request to hand over Adam Osmayev to Russia, Interfax reported.

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