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U.S. Bail Denial 'Unfair'

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The Foreign Ministry has deplored a U.S. judge's decision to deny bail to Russian citizens accused of plotting to illicitly sell advanced technology to Russia.

Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said the judge's refusal to grant bail was based on "farfetched reasons," and she called the verdict "unfair."

She said Friday that Russian diplomats and defense attorneys will seek to overturn the ruling and demand an end to "the psychological and moral pressure being applied on the detained Russians to force them to 'voluntarily' admit their guilt."

A Houston judge last week ordered Alexander Fishenko, owner of Houston-based Arc Electronics, and two other defendants to federal custody in Brooklyn, New York, where they will face charges on Thursday.

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