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2 Years After Attack, Kashin Prepares to Seek Justice in Europe

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Opposition-minded journalist Oleg Kashin said Tuesday, the second anniversary of a brutal beating that left him in a coma, that he would appeal to the European Court of Human Rights by year's end after Russian authorities failed to make any arrests in the attack.

"We will resolve the issue of mandatory procedures in Russia and draw up the complaint before the end of the year," Kashin's lawyer Ramil Akhmetgaliyev told reporters, according to Interfax.

He said a poor investigation by Russian authorities had violated his client's "right to life," which is Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Kashin was viciously beaten by two unknown attackers outside his apartment building on Pyatnitskaya Ulitsa on Nov. 6, 2010. He spent days in a coma and the next four months recovering from his injuries.

Kashin, who has linked the attack to his reporting on Vasily Yakemenko, former leader of the pro-Kremlin Nashi youth group, said at the same news conference that he had seen photos of one of his assailants taken at the pro-Kremlin youth camp on Lake Seliger. He said the suspect worked as a security guard at the camp and belonged to the Spartak Moscow football fan club.

Yakemenko has denied involvement in the attack.

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