

Police Kill Suspect in Caucasus TV Anchor's Murder

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The main suspect in the recent murder of a journalist has been killed by police in the violence-plagued North Caucasus.

Zeitun Baziyeu — on Russia's wanted list since 2010 on suspicion of several murders — was killed when he attempted to open fire on special forces who surrounded him in Nalchik, capital of the Kabardino-Balkaria republic, police said Tuesday.

Baziyeu was a suspect in the December murder of Kazbek Gekkiyev, a journalist with state broadcaster VGTRK. Police had earlier suggested that Gekkiyev's killing could have been related to his job.

Shootings, bombings and abductions occur almost daily in the North Caucasus, where a militant Islamist insurgency has taken root.

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