

Tajik Smashes Brazilian Embassy Window

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The Brazilian Embassy on Bolshaya Nikitskaya ulitsa was attacked by a Tajik citizen, Saturday

A Tajik citizen who threw stones at the Brazilian Embassy in Moscow faces hooliganism charges after a criminal case was opened against him .

The unidentified 22-year-old man was apparently protesting against Brazil's nuclear waste management policy.

"The incident occurred on Saturday. A citizen of Tajikistan threw stones at the embassy of Brazil and broke a window," Moscow police told M24 television .

"He justified his actions by saying that in Brazil nuclear waste is buried in the ground, which contaminates soil with radiation."

After stoning the embassy, located on 54 Bolshaya Nikitinskaya Ulitsa, in the center of Moscow, the 22-year-old attempted to flee but was seized by the police.

The man faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

The incident was discussed on Monday at a meeting between Sadbarg Ganieva, an adviser at the Tajik Embassy, and senior officials of the Brazilian Embassy.

Both sides expressed regret over the incident and stressed that the situation should not affect the friendly relations between the two countries .

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