

Zhirinovsky Calls For Picket at Dutch Embassy

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The Liberal Democratic Party leader has called for retaliation for the treatment the Dutch ambassador to the Netherlands has received.

Liberal Democratic Party leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky on Wednesday called for a picket outside the Dutch Embassy in Moscow to protest the treatment of a Russian diplomat by the Netherlands.

"Our Moscow branch is going to set up a picket at the Dutch Embassy and will smash its windows," Zhirinovsky said, Interfax reported Wednesday. "We are not going to live by the principle of turning the other cheek. An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," he said.

Zhirinovsky did not say exactly when the picket would be staged.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said Monday that Dmitry Borodin, a minister-counselor of the Russian Embassy in The Hague, was detained

on Saturday night by Dutch police, while Borodin himself said that the police hit him over the head with a baton in the process.

The incident was a "clear provocation," Zhirinovsky said, adding that Borodin's diplomatic status should have deterred the Dutch authorities.

"Even if he gets drunk, he's a diplomat. Even if he stole something, he's a diplomat. Immunity is a word in every language. You can't approach [a diplomat], or ask questions. Even if he had killed someone, you don't have the right to do anything about it."

Dutch authorities said they would resist calls from Russia to apologize for the incident, as they have not yet completed their investigation.

In a statement published on the party's website on Tuesday, Zhirinovsky said the diplomat's arrest is part of a "conceived plan" scripted in Brussels, Paris, London and Washington. He also said that the plan involved the case around punk group Pussy Riot, calls for a boycott of the Sochi Olympics, and the controversy around the Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise.

"Insolent, back talking, and no respect for international law — that's what makes the West," Zhirinovsky said.

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