

Belarus Extends Detention of Uralkali CEO

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Belarussian authorities have extended a criminal investigation into the chief executive of Russian potash giant Uralkali by another two months, a representative of Belarus' Investigative Committee said Monday.

Vladislav Baumgertner, who was detained in late August during a visit to Belarus, will remain under house arrest in Minsk while authorities continue to investigate him, Pavel Traulko said.

The businessman was originally arrested on suspicion of abuse of authority, but Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko later said the charges would be changed to embezzlement.

Under Belarussian law, investigators have two months to complete an inquiry, though as in the case of Baumgertner, whose first two-month period under investigation ended Saturday, the deadline can be extended.

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