

LDPR Proposes Reintroducing Death Penalty For Foreigners Convicted of Grave Crimes

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Capital punishment, which has not been used since 1996, is proposed by Kadyrov for foreigners who commit grave crimes..

A State Duma deputy from the Liberal Democratic Party has drafted a bill to reintroduce capital punishment for grave crimes committed by foreigners in Russia.

The bill written by Roman Khudyakov would also lift the national moratorium on the death penalty for people convicted of sexually abusing minors, serial killings and those found guilty of mass deaths, Izvestia reported Thursday.

The proposal to reintroduce capital punishment for foreigners seems to be mainly aimed at unqualified migrants from former Soviet Central Asia and comes after Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokoltsev's report late last month that crimes committed by foreigners in Russia have risen this year.

Khudyakov's fellow party member and Duma deputy Mikhail Degtyaryov and Duma Deputy Tamara Pletnyova of the Communist Party said capital punishment should be reintroduced for both for Russians and foreigners committed of grave and especially grave crimes.

Russia imposed a moratorium on capital punishment in 1996 when it entered the Council of Europe. In 2009 the Constitutional Court issued a decision saying that no court in the country could impose the death penalty.

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