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Website Offering Hitman Services Blocked in Russia

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A Moldovan-based website has ran afoul of the Russian Criminal Code prohibiting crimes against a person and fraud and has been blocked by regulators. **Militaru Cristian**

Regulators have blocked a website offering the services of hitmen following a complaint to the Interior Ministry by the head of the Federation Council's Committee on Information Policy.

Senator Ruslan Gattarov in September informed the ministry that zakazat-killera.com ("Hire a Killer") advertised services ranging from "physical elimination" to intimidation by taking targets for a "chat" in the woods. The website contained detailed descriptions of the various ways potential victims could be harmed, including binding, kidnapping and beatings, Gattarov said Friday, Interfax reported.

The website, which attracted 25,000 visitors in July, violated several articles of the Criminal Code prohibiting crimes against a person and fraud, he said.

Because the website was registered anonymously in China and is currently based in Moldova, Russian law enforcement authorities have sent requests for information about the website's administrators to both countries.

As of December, the website is blocked in Russia, the Netherlands, most of the U.S. and France.

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