

Suspect in Violent Market Arrest Sentenced for Rape

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A Dagestan man whose arrest for allegedly raping a teenage girl sparked riots at a Moscow market last year has been handed a 14-year prison sentence, a news report said.

The Dorogomilovsky District Court on Wednesday sentenced Magomed Magomedov to fourteen years in a high-security prison for raping a 15-year old girl on her way home in July, Interfax reported Wednesday.

The case gained widespread attention when some two dozen workers at Moscow's Matveyevsky market attacked the police officers who came to arrest Magomedov, leaving one officer with a cracked skull and in need of intensive care.

Two named <u>suspects</u> in that attack — Khalimat Rasulova and Magomed Rasulov — are also natives of the North Caucasus republic of Dagestan, sparking a series <u>police raids</u> of markets and other facilities with large numbers of Caucasian employees.

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