

## Chechen Leader Ramzan Kadyrov Given Russian Prize for Compassion

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Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov has been given a prize by Russia's National Public Recognition Fund for his "kindness and humanity" and for his support of children, war veterans and widows of fallen soldiers, a statement said.

The Chechen government said in an online statement published Wednesday that Kadyrov had received the "Order of Compassion" distinction at the beginning of the week in Grozny.

Kadyrov has received a large number of state and regional awards since the early 2000s, including "Hero of the Russian Federation" and the federal "Order of Courage."

Human rights organizations have accused Kadyrov's government of a number of human rights violations, including extrajudicial killings and torture.

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