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Ukraine's Far-Right Leader Yarosh Wanted by Interpol

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Dmytro Yarosh

Interpol has put the leader of Ukraine's ultranationalist group Right Sector, Dmytro Yarosh, on an international wanted list at Russia's request.

Yarosh is wanted for inciting terrorism and extremism through mass media, according to Interpol's website.

Russia's Investigative Committee opened a case against Yarosh shortly after Right Sector's page on the VKontakte social network ran an appeal to Chechen jihadist Doku Umarov this spring, calling on him to mount attacks on Russians. Yarosh said the site had been hacked.

The committee asked Interpol to put Yarosh on a wanted list in March, but the move was only made this week.

The 42-year-old ultranationalist had not commented on being included in the list as of this article's publication on Friday.

Yarosh made a name for himself as a public spokesman for Right Sector, a loose confederation of nationalist groups who spearheaded the clashes with police during Ukraine's revolution earlier this year.

Right Sector is widely seen as having been instrumental in the deposition of pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovych in February.

This did not, however, translate into mainstream popularity for Yarosh, who scored a mere 0.7 percent at the presidential polls in May.

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