

Crimean Sea Captain Indicted for Russian Senator's Ill-Fated Swim

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A Crimean sea captain was indicted Monday after a Russian senator was killed during a summer swim in the Black Sea last week.

Investigators allege that Alexei Dudka, 33, had been shuttling tourists along the Black Sea coast near the Crimean city of Alushta on Friday when his speedboat crashed into a swimmer, killing him, according to a statement issued by the Crimean division of Russia's Investigative Committee.

The swimmer was later revealed to be 70-year Russian Senator Vladimir Kulakov, who had been vacationing in the newly annexed Russian region of Crimea.

If convicted of having violated water-traffic safety regulations, Dudka could face up to five years in prison.

Dudka's employer will also be probed for compliance with water safety regulations, according to the Investigative Committee.

Kulakov, a former colonel general, will be laid to rest at the Federal Military Memorial Cemetery in the Moscow region on Tuesday, the Federation Council said.

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