

Russian Journalist Gets 7 Years in Prison for Promoting Terrorism

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A Moscow court on Monday sentenced Russian journalist Boris Stomakhin to seven years in prison for promoting terrorism, state media reported.

This is the third time that Stomakhin, editor of the monthly newspaper Radikalnaya Politika (Radical Politics), has been convicted of extremism.

He served about five years for disseminating extremist materials and was released in 2011. Then last April he was sentenced to 6 1/2 years on a similar charge.

His latest sentence — the maximum punishment for individuals convicted of calling for extremist activity through media outlets — takes into account his previous prison terms, state news agency RIA Novosti reported.

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Some human rights organizations, including the Committee to Protect Journalists, have questioned the validity of the charges against him, saying he might have been singled out for expressing contentious views about Russian political issues.

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