

Daughter of Slain Nemtsov Announces Fund to Remember Father

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Zhanna Nemtsova

The eldest daughter of slain opposition leader Boris Nemtsov has announced plans to set up a fund in honor of her father to finance projects inside Russia, the Interfax news agency reported.

Zhanna Nemtsova, who said last week that she had left Russia amid fears for her personal safety, announced the establishment of the new fund at an awards ceremony in Poland.

"The fund will support concrete projects to establish Russia as a civilized and prospering state, and it will also engage in memorial activities," Nemtsova said, Interfax reported Saturday.

Boris Nemtsov, a former deputy prime minister and long-standing member of Russia's opposition, was gunned down near the walls of the Kremlin in February. The authorities have detained five men from the North Caucasus republic of Chechnya who are accused of having carried out the killing.

Nemtsova said she will be one of the co-founders of the fund and the organization will not channel money to the liberal RPR-Parnas Party, which was closely linked to her father, according to Interfax.

The 31-year-old said in an article published by the Vedomosti business daily last week that state-sponsored propaganda had stoked hatred and violence, playing a role in her father's murder. Nemtsova, who worked as a journalist in Russia for the RBC television channel, has not revealed where in Europe she is now living.

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