

Russian Businessman Fined for Distributing 'Extremist' Mickey Mouse Jesus Leaflets

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Prosecutors in the southern Russian city of Samara have fined a local businessman for distributing extremist content, a report on the official website of Samara Prosecutor's Office said Thursday.

“It was established that an individual entrepreneur, Viktor Lunin, for the a purpose of mass distribution, produced 100 leaflets with the slogan 'Die for your homeland, not of alcoholism' ... and also leaflets with a picture of Jesus Christ in the image of Mickey Mouse,” the statement said.

A local court sentenced Lunin to a fine of 2,000 rubles (\$37) and authorized law enforcement to seize all of the published material.

Prosecutions on charges of extremism have increased in recent months. In May, prosecutors

in the Urals town of Chelyabinsk found evidence of extremism in a test designed to detect extremist tendencies in schoolchildren, the regional Prosecutor's Office said.

Also in May, a court in the Amur region of Russia's Far East found signs of "violence and intolerance" in song lyrics by two Russian metal bands, and Moscow's Central Children's World department store was forced to stop selling toy soldiers wearing Nazi uniforms.

Additionally, last month a court in the southern Krasnodar Territory, arrested opposition activist Daria Poludova for 10 days for extremism for distribution of leaflets with slogan "For Russia and Ukraine without Putin," the website Newsru reported.

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