

St. Petersburg Man Locked Up for 5 Days for Islamic State T-Shirt

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A man in St. Petersburg has become the first person in Russia to be sentenced for wearing a T-shirt depicting the flag of the Islamic State militant group, the Fontanka.ru news website reported Tuesday.

The man, a 27-year-old Tajik, was detained at a market in the city's Frunzensky district where he worked as a chef at a local cafe, the report said.

A magistrate court last Friday sentenced him to five days in detention for the public display of symbols that are forbidden under federal law and he was released on Tuesday, the report said.

While behind bars, he reportedly used his teeth to remove the Arabic writing from the black T-shirt, Fontanka.ru reported.

The man was allowed to keep the piece of clothing because he had nothing else to wear except for a pair of jeans, the report added.

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