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# Suspected Taliban Fighter Detained in Russia

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Asliddin Nurov

A suspected Taliban militant previously placed on Interpol's wanted list has been detained in the Urals city of Yekaterinburg, a regional Interior Ministry spokesman told news agency RIA Novosti on Monday.

Asladdin Nurov, a 28-year-old Tajik citizen, is suspected to have been part of illegal armed formations on the Afghan-Pakistani border, and had been internationally wanted "for a considerable length of time," spokesman Valery Gorelykh told RIA.

Nurov was apprehended following a search of the flat he had been renting in Yekaterinburg. Security officials also seized about 10 foreign-language books, which are now under investigation.

The suspect is reported to have undergone training at a "militant" camp near the Pakistani

city of Peshawar in 2009, and had previously studied at an Islamic educational facility in Iran for three years, news agency TASS reported.

According to Interior Ministry information, the suspect is in custody and could be extradited to Tajikistan, RIA reported.

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