

Russia Sees \$152 Billion Worth of Suspicious Financial Transactions in 2015

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Financial transactions worth 11.7 trillion rubles (\$152 billion) were classified as "suspicious" in Russia last year, the TASS news agency reported Monday, citing state financial watchdog Rosfinmonitoring.

The volume of transactions possibly linked to money laundering last year was almost equal to the 2014 volume. In 2013, the volume of such operations totaled 16.2 trillion rubles (\$210 billion).

A total of 1.47 trillion rubles (\$19 billion) left Russia last year in suspicious banking operations, Rosfinmonitoring said, according to TASS. In 2013, the volume of funds moved abroad through such transactions totaled 2.5 trillion rubles (\$32 billion).

Meanwhile, suspicious transfers of money into Russia fell to 250 billion rubles (\$3.2 billion)

last year. In 2014 and 2013, suspicious inflows totaled 340 billion rubles (\$4.4 billion) and 500 billion rubles (\$6.5 billion) respectively, the news agency reported.

According to data from the Interior Ministry's Main Information Analytical Center, a total of 627 criminal cases related to money laundering were sent to court last year, 18.3 percent more than in 2014.

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