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Governor Donates to Navalny

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Perm Governor Oleg Chirkunov has became the first senior official to publicly donate money to anti-corruption project Rospil.info, the web site's founder Alexei Navalny wrote on his blog Monday.

Other governors have also donated to Rospil.info, which tracks rigged or suspicious online state tenders, but they have asked for anonymity, fearing backlash from Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, Navalny said.

Chirkunov contributed 25,000 rubles ($890), Navalny said, adding that he would pay extra attention to all reports of violations in the Perm region.

Chirkunov wrote on his own blog that the money was his pay for a college lecture he gave in Moscow.

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