

Murdering Homeless Called 'Not Extremist'

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Chita prosecutors have ruled that city Mayor Anatoly Mikhalyov violated no laws when he publicly expressed regret that federal legislation does not allow killing the homeless, RIA-Novosti reported Monday.

In one of the worst blunders by officials this year, Mikhalyov told city legislators in February that "licenses to shoot the homeless" would be the only legal way to solve a local problem.

The mayor said later that the proposal was only a bad joke.

Chita prosecutors had to open a check into the statement on the request of the opposition Yabloko party, but a check done by linguists from a local university ruled that Mikhalyov's words did not violate legislation on extremism or any other laws.

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