

Kadyrov Publishes Russian Oppositioner Yashin's Damning Report

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Russian opposition activist Ilya Yashin speaks while fake banknotes thrown at him by protesters, as Yashin presents a report on Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov, in Moscow, Feb. 23, 2016.

Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov has published on social media a report by an opposition activist Ilya Yashin which claims that Kadyrov's rule poses a threat to Russia.

Kadyrov published the report, titled "National Security Threat" online before it was presented by Yashin in Moscow.

Kadyrov claims that the report "contains nothing but chatter."

"The authors will present this material to the reporters in Moscow as a sensation," Kadyrov wrote on his Facebook page.

Kadyrov also published the report on his Instagram, Vkontakte and LiveJournal accounts.

Kadyrov likely gained access to the report through Mikhail Khodorkovsky's Open Russia website. The organization admitted the report was published ahead of time due to a technical error.

The report was due to be officially presented by PARNAS opposition party deputy chairman Ilya Yashin on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

The presentation, which took place in the PARNAS office in central Moscow, was disrupted by the evacuation of journalists by police. According to the attendees, police said that the evacuation was the result of a bomb threat, the RIA Novosti news agency reported.

Yashin called the actions of the police a provocation, the BBC reported. The office was evacuated for the same reason on Monday.

The aim of Yashin's report, prepared to coincide with the anniversary of the death of opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, is "to open the eyes of Russian society to the fact that Ramzan Kadyrov, with the connivance of the country's administration and the security services became a figure that represents a threat to Russia's national security."

In the report, Yashin accuses Chechnya's head of involvement in Nemtsov's murder as well as killing of Chechen rebels Ruslan and Salim Yamadayev and the journalist Anna Politkovskaya.

The report also says Chechnya has received billions of rubles in subsidies from the federal budget and has been a source of fighters for Islamic State, a terrorist group banned in Russia.

Yashin, commenting on Kadyrov's publication of the report, welcomed the move.

"After the report was published by the head of Chechnya himself, there is no doubt — it will be read in the republic. This bravado will play in our favor," he wrote on his Facebook page.

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