

Vilnius to Name Street in Honor of Slain Russian Politician Nemtsov

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A view of Vilnius, Lithuania.

The City Hall of Lithuania's capital Vilnius has decided to perpetuate the memory of slain Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov by naming a street or square in his honor, regional news website Delfi reported Wednesday.

The former prime minister and outspoken critic of the Kremlin, Nemtsov was fighting for a better world and a democratic Russia, the City Hall resolution said, Delfi reported.

By naming a square or a street in his honor, "we will affirm our determination to be on the side of a free, open and democratic world," the website quoted the resolution as saying.

Nemtsov was fatally shot in the back while walking across the Bolshoi Moskvoretsky Bridge in the late evening of Feb. 27, 2015. Five suspects have been arrested over the killing, including alleged murderer Zaur Dadayev.

Five Chechen men have been charged over the murder. Another Chechen national that the

investigation believes to be the mastermind of the killing has been declared internationally wanted.

Last year, opposition politicians filed a proposal to install a memorial to Nemtsov on the Moscow bridge where he was shot dead, but the City Duma's monuments commission rejected the proposal.

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