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Russian Lawmakers Condemn British Caricature of Nanny Charged With Murder

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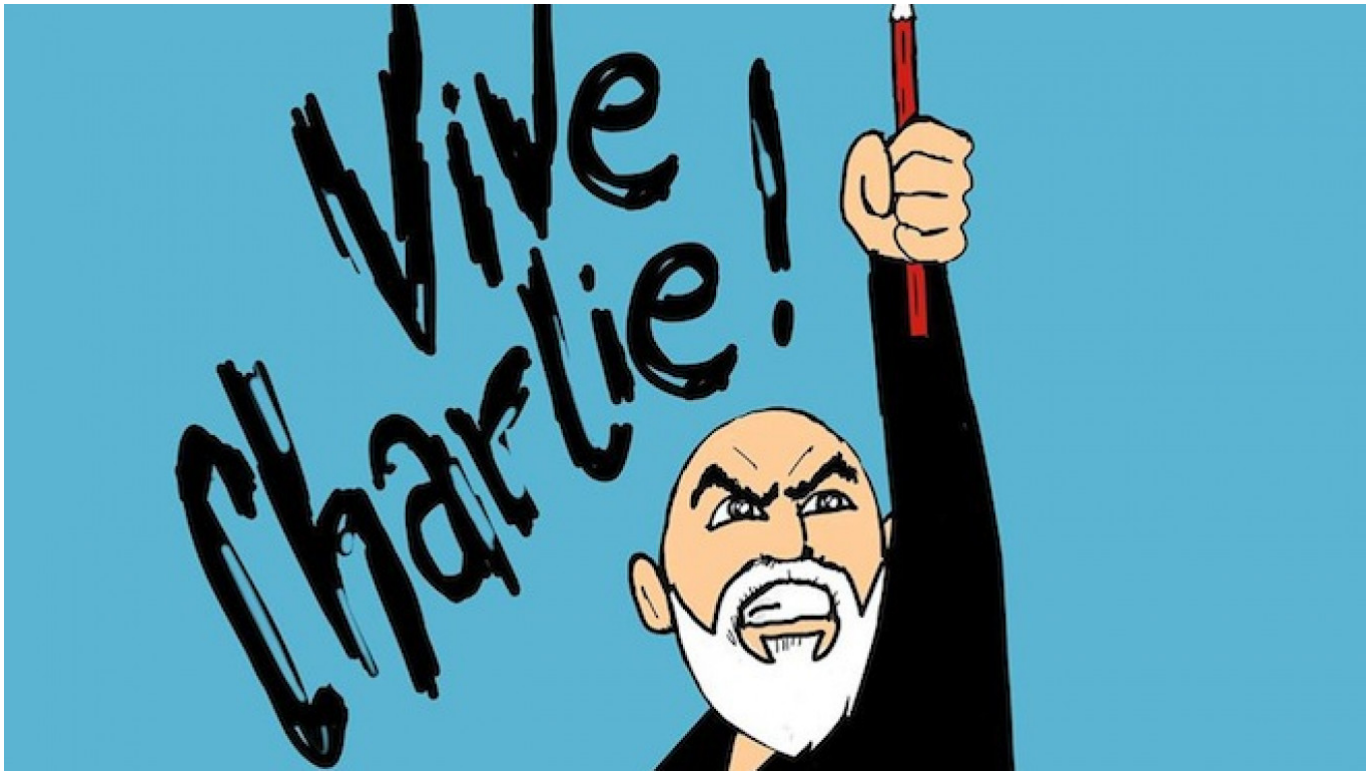

Russian lawmakers have condemned the British online satirical magazine Vive Charlie for publishing a caricature of the nanny who murdered a four-year-old girl in Moscow, Kommersant reported Friday.

Olga Batalina, State Duma representative for the United Russia party, wrote on Facebook "to mock the tragic death of a young girl is a malicious and cynical prank."

"If the moral immunity of Europeans has not been jeopardized, they would reject this publication like a strong and healthy organism rids itself of tumors and boils," she said, Kommersant reported.

Lawmaker Irina Yarovaya wrote on Russian social media network Vkontakte that such publications "stoke the fire of hatred for new crimes."

"When cynical artists make fun of the victim and the insanity of this tragedy, it is a mirror to

their own psyche, which, most likely is no different from that of the criminal," she said, Kommersant reported.

Earlier on Thursday, the drawing that Moscow's Communist Party used to illustrate their call for tough anti-immigration measures was criticized for "inciting ethnic conflicts" by State Duma lawmaker from the ruling United Russia party Oleg Pakholkov, Kommersant daily reported.

The image shows a woman in a hijab brandishing a severed head with the label "Forbidden" under an article on illegal immigration.

Pakholkov, who sits on the Duma's committee for the Commonwealth of Independent States affairs, appealed to Prosecutor General Yury Chaika to investigate the Communists' post, Kommerant reported.

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