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Moscow Nanny Charged With Murder Confirmed to Be Schizophrenic

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Gyulchekhra Bobokulova, a nanny suspected of murdering a child in her care, looks on inside a defendants' cage as she attends a court hearing in Moscow.

The nanny suspected of beheading a four-year old girl in Moscow in February has a mental illness, according to an unidentified source in Russia's Interior Ministry, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday.

“This is a mentally unstable woman. We have received confirmation from Uzbekistan that she has been diagnosed with schizophrenia in the past,” the source said.

Investigators have not found a link between the nanny and any extremist organization, the source also told the agency.

On Feb. 29, 38 year-old Uzbek national Bobokulova — working as a nanny for a Moscow family — waited until the girl’s parents left, killed the child, set the apartment on fire and fled.

She was detained later that day near the Oktyabrskoye Pole metro station in northwestern Moscow holding the severed head of the child and shouting “I am a terrorist.”

Bobokulova confessed to the crime and said she was acting on Allah's orders. She also said she was prompted to kill the girl by online videos of beheadings and “voices” in her head, the Moskovsky Komsomolets news portal reported at the time.

The court ordered that Bobokulova remain under arrest for two months.

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