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Russian Duma Deputies Propose Death Penalty for Terrorists

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A number of Russian Duma deputies have proposed a bill that would introduce the death penalty for terrorism-related crimes, the Kommersant newspaper reported Friday.

The bill was introduced by A Just Russia political party leader Sergei Mironov and two other deputies.

“The goal of rehabilitation for such criminals ... cannot be achieved, and the punishment has to be adequate to the threat their deeds pose to society and serve as a warning [to others],” Mironov said in a statement published on the party's website.

Although a provision in Russia's Criminal Code allows capital punishment for serious crimes, a moratorium has been in place since 1996.

In 2009, the Constitutional Court extended the moratorium and ruled that no court in the country has the right to sentence anyone to death.

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