

Russian City to Name Street After Officer Killed in Syria

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Forces loyal to Syria's President Bashar Assad walk with their weapons in Palmyra city after they recaptured it, in Homs Governorate.

The Urals city of Orenburg is set to name a street after the Russian special forces officer who was killed after his position came under fire from the Russian Air Force in Syria, the Meduza news agency reported Wednesday.

The region's Governor Yury Berg announced that a street would be named after Officer Alexander Prokhorenko after he visited a village in the Tyulgansk district of the Orenburg region, where he met with the officer's family.

“I personally passed on my condolences and words of support on behalf of the whole region” Berg said.

A representative from the Khmeimim airbase in Syria reported on March 24 that the officer was killed while “performing tasks to restore Russian air strikes on targets” near Palmyra.

“Alexander gave his life, drawing fire on himself. Together we mourn the death of our fellow countryman, his name will forever remain in our hearts” the regional governor said, praising the actions of Prokhorenko.

The funeral has not taken place as the family are yet to receive Prokhorenko's body, the orenday.ru news website reported.

According to official data, six Russian soldiers have been killed while serving in Syria.

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