

Moscow Nanny Charged With Beheading Child Sent to Psychiatric Prison

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Gulchekhra 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, Russia, March 2, 2016.

The Moscow nanny arrested for the beheading of a four-year-old girl in her care has been moved to a secure psychiatric hospital, the Interfax news agency reported Wednesday.

Gyulchekhra Bobokulova, 38, was moved to the city's Butyrskaya prison hospital following a psychiatric evaluation, a spokesperson for the Federal Prison Service said, Interfax reported.

Results of the evaluation have not been released due to patient confidentiality.

On Feb. 29, Bobokulova, who had been 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.

The Uzbek national was detained later that day near the Oktyabrskoye Pole metro station in northwestern Moscow. She was described by eyewitnesses as holding the severed head of the child and shouting, "I am a terrorist."

Bobokulova confessed to the crime and reportedly told police that she was acting on Allah's orders. She also said she had been prompted to kill the girl by “voices,” the Moskovsky Komsomolets news portal reported at the time.

According to Interfax, Uzbek law enforcement has released information claiming that Bobokulova suffers from schizophrenia and has repeatedly undergone medical treatment.

She was arrested on charges of murdering a minor. The investigation against her is currently being conducted by the head of the Russian Investigative Committee, Interfax reported.

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