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Criminal Case Into Russian Pranksters Opened in Ukraine

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Ukrainian police have opened a criminal investigation against Russian pranksters who wrote a fake letter from Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko to jailed pilot Nadiya Savchenko, her lawyer wrote on Twitter Thursday.

The letter urged Savchenko to end her hunger strike in protest of the 22-year jail term given to her by a Russian court. The Ukrainian had been found guilty of involvement in the death of two Russian journalists.

The Ukrainian president denied sending Savchenko the letter, which was discovered to be a fake prepared by Russian pranksters known as Vovan and Lexus.

Savchenko's lawyer claims the pranksters were operating on the Kremlin's orders.

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