

Masked Men Torch Chechen Man's House After Complaint to Putin About Kadyrov

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The house of Chechen resident Ramazan Dzhahalaldinov and his family was set on fire after he complained to President Vladimir Putin about Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov, Dagestani news website Chernovik reported.

According to Dzhahalaldinov's wife, a group of masked people entered their house in the village of Kenkhi in Chechnya's Shatoy district on Friday night. They put her and her children in a car, and then “threw them out under a bridge.” The house was set on fire.

“They forbade the residents of the village to say anything on this subject, threatening to burn their houses,” the woman was quoted as saying by Chernovik.

In April, Dzhahalaldinov released an online video message to Putin in which he complained about the living conditions in his village and accused the Chechen authorities of extortion.

Soon after that, Dzhahalaldinov fled the village for the neighboring Dagestan republic due to

threats, the Dozhd television channel reported.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Friday that law enforcement agencies must react immediately if information on the incident is confirmed, the RBC news website reported.

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