

Russia Sends Interpol New Khodorkovsky Documents

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Mikhail Khodorkovsky

Russia has submitted a new set of documents to Interpol, in reference to the case against former oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday.

"Only some of the requested extra documents have been sent to Interpol. An additional set of documents will be sent in the near future," Interfax reported, citing the spokesman for the Prosecutor General's Office Alexander Kurennoi.

The Russian Prosecutor General's Office wants Interpol to place Khodorkovsky — the former-CEO of the defunct oil giant Yukos — on the international wanted list in connection with the killing of Vladimir Petukhov, the mayor of the Siberian oil town of Nefteyugansk.

According to Kurennoi, the Prosecutor General's Office is continuing to lobby the International Criminal Police Organization about placing Khodorkovsky on their wanted list.

Khodorkovsky, once Russia's richest man, spent more than a decade in jail on tax evasion and embezzlement charges. He was freed after receiving a pardon from President Vladimir Putin in 2013.

In February, Interpol refused to put Khodorkovsky on the international wanted list and said that Russia's request was politically motivated. Two months later, Prosecutor General's Office announced Interpol was ready to reconsider its position on the case, a claim that the organization immediately denied.

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