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Chechen Court Hands Ultra-Right Ukrainians Long Prison Sentences

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Stanislav Klykh and Nikolai Karpyuk

The Chechen Supreme Court has sentenced two members of the Ukrainian ultra-right organization UNA-UNSO — Nikolai Karpyuk and Stanislav Klykh — to 22.5 and 20 years in a strict-regime penal colony, the RIA Novosti news agency reported Thursday.

"[Karpyuk and Klykh] have been found guilty of fighting Russian soldiers in Chechnya in 1994-1995," according to the court.

Both Karpyuk and Klykh denied the accusations and claimed that they had never visited Chechnya before the start of their trial, their lawyers said.

UNA-UNSO has been recognized as extremist organization and was banned in Russia by the Supreme Court.

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