

Russian Deputy Prosecutor Urges Closure of Criminal Case Against Domodedovo Owner

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Dmitry Kamenshchik

Russian Deputy Prosecutor General Vladimir Malinovsky has appealed to prosecutors to terminate the ongoing criminal case against the owner of Moscow's Domodedovo airport, the TASS news agency reported Friday.

Airport owner Dmitry Kamenshchik is accused of providing unsafe services which led to a terrorist attack in the airport in 2011.

Malinovsky has asked Russia's Investigative Committee to close the case and to "eliminate violations committed during the preliminary investigation," TASS reported.

Last month, Moscow City Court has rejected Malinovsky's appeal to reverse a decision putting Kamenshchik under house arrest.

Igor Trunov, who represents a number of victims from the 2011 attack, said the charges

against Kamenshchik and the airport's managers would be dropped if his clients received compensation from the airport's victim support fund. The charitable assistance organization was set up in the aftermath of the attack.

Kamenshchik was arrested in February after being charged with providing services "that do not meet safety requirements, resulting in the death of two or more people." His house arrest was extended in April until July 28.

The Domodedovo bomb attack in 2011 killed 37 people and injured 170 in the airport's international arrivals lounge on Jan. 24, 2011. Militant Islamist organization "Caucasus Emirate," a terrorist group banned in Russia, claimed responsibility for the incident.

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