

Nemtsov Murder Suspects Granted Jury Trial

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The five men suspected of killing opposition politician Boris Nemtsov have been granted their request for a jury trial, the state-run TASS news agency reported Tuesday.

Irina Zhirnova, the spokesperson for Moscow District Military Court, said that the court would begin selecting 12 jurors after Aug. 24. All five suspects requested a jury trial.

The trial's preliminary hearings took place Monday behind closed doors, with all suspects pleading not guilty of Nemtsov's murder.

The men are all accused of committing the murder as an organized, paid hit worth up to 15 million rubles (\$226,000).

Boris Nemtsov was gunned down on Feb. 27, 2015 while crossing Moscow's Bolshoi Moskvoretsky Bridge. Ruslan Mukhidinov, a 27-year-old former Chechen police officer, is accused of ordering the hit.

Mukhidinov is currently on the run from authorities.

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