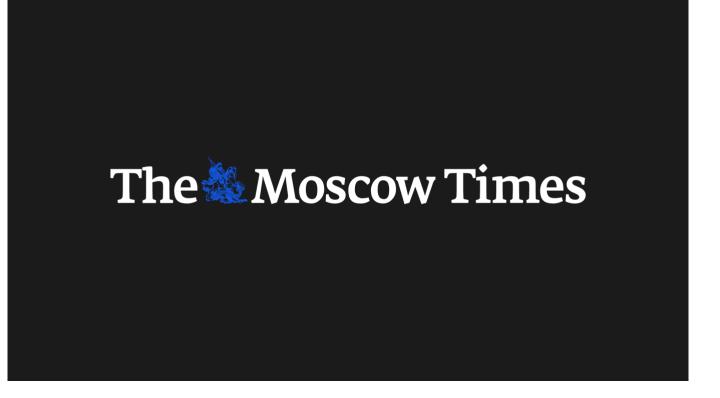


Nemtsov Murder Suspects Granted Jury Trial

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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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