

Turkey Unblocks Website of Russia's Sputnik News Agency

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The Turkish authorities have reinstated access to the website of the [Russian](#) state news agency Sputnik, the RIA Novosti news agency reported [Monday](#), citing the head of the Turkish Sputnik bureau, Mahir Boztepe.[x](#)[x](#)

This was also confirmed by Turkey's Telecommunications Authority, the [news](#) agency reported.[x](#)[x](#)

Ankara blocked the website in April. Shortly afterwards, the chief editor of [Sputnik](#) in Turkey, Tural Kerimov was barred from entering the country. He[x](#) was also deprived of his journalist accreditation and residence permit.[x](#)[x](#)

The blocking of Sputnik's website caused a sharp reaction in Russia, with [the](#) Foreign Ministry calling it “yet another violation of fundamental human [rights](#) and freedoms.” Sputnik meanwhile continued its work, posting [materials](#) on Facebook and Twitter.

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