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Ban on Russia's Paralympic Team Upheld

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Russian Paralympic torchbearer Aleksei Ashapatov attends a training session at Yunost sports ground in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Russia. **Kazbek Basayev / Reuters**

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has upheld the ban excluding Russia's Paralympic squad from this summer's Paralympic Games in Brazil's Rio de Janeiro.

The International Paralympic Committee announced earlier this month that the entire Russian team would be banned from the Games following damning reports of state-sponsored doping within the country.

Speaking to the Moscow Times, Sergei Shilov, a member of Russia's Paralympic Committee, said that the decision had not been made on the basis of sport.

"This ruling is clearly political, aimed at excluding Russia from a major international sporting event," he said.

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