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Putin Considers Travel Bans for Suspected Corrupt Bankers

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Russian bankers suspected of theft or embezzlement▣could lose the right to travel abroad, the Interfax news agency▣reported Tuesday.

Russian President▣Vladimir Putin agreed to look into potential travel restrictions which were proposed by the head of Russia's▣Central Bank, Elvira Nabiullina.

Nabiullina claimed that▣the downfall of banks is often caused by criminal acts rather than▣economic instability.

“There are occasions when they▣[bankers] steal. Some have taken money from the people of Russia and we can't trace it, as it's all 'off the books,''' she said

Nabiullina said▣that while m
any criminals flee abroad, “only▣in Russia can we be sure that they will be punished.”

Putin agreed that “it would be better not to let them [bankers] go,” Interfax reported.

Bankers would not be the only Russians to face travel bans.
Under Russian legislation,
anyone with more than 10,000 rubles ($156) in unpaid bank charges, alimony, community service payments, fines or taxes is barred from leaving the country if a creditor makes a claim in court.

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