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Top Chechen Politician Tried to Beat Justice Official 'Into Resigning' — Reports

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Magomed Daudov (L) and Ramzan Kadyrov. **Instagram**

The Speaker of the Chechen Parliament, Magomed Daudov, has attacked a fellow politician in a bid to force him to resign, the Kavkaz.Realii news portal claimed Friday.

The official beat the Acting Chairman of the Chechen Supreme Court, Tahir Murdalov, and demanded that he resign "due to health reasons," the news outlet alleged, citing an unnamed source.

Daudov had arrived at Murdalov's office with 40 men on the evening of Oct. 6, Kavkaz.Realii reported.

Murdalov refused to resign despite the attack, the portal said.

Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta also reported the attack,

claiming that the Chairman of
Chechnya's Gudermes Court, Alavdin Gardaloev, was also present.

A spokesman for the Chechen president, the press secretary of the Chechen Supreme Court, and the press service for the Chechen Interior Ministry all said they "had not previously heard of the incident," the RBC newspaper reported.

Tahir Murdalov took his post in May after the resignation of his predecessor, Magomed Karataev. A number of experts have since speculated that Karataev had been pressured to leave his position by the Chechen authorities.

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