

## Journalist Sent to Mental Hospital Awarded Compensation

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The European Court **\Box** of Human Rights has awarded a Russian journalist 1,500 euros as **\Box** compensation for being forcibly committed to a psychiatric **\Box** institution.

"The ECHR found a⊠violation of the right to liberty and security of one's person⊠(Article 5 of the European Convention on Human Rights) and ordered⊠the Russian government to pay compensation to Ruslan Makarov — 500 euros for⊠non-financial damages and 1,000 euros for legal costs," the victim's⊠lawyer told the RIA Novosti news service.

Ruslan Makarov, a\(\mathbb{Z}\) resident of Russia's Altai region, had been forced to undergo\(\mathbb{Z}\) psychiatric evaluation in September 2012, after he had allegedly\(\mathbb{Z}\) expressed a desire to kill the governor of the Altai region,\(\mathbb{Z}\) Alexander Berdnikov.

Makarov, who spent⊠two weeks in a psychiatric hospital, claimed that his case was⊠purely political and connected to his criticism of Berdnikov.

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