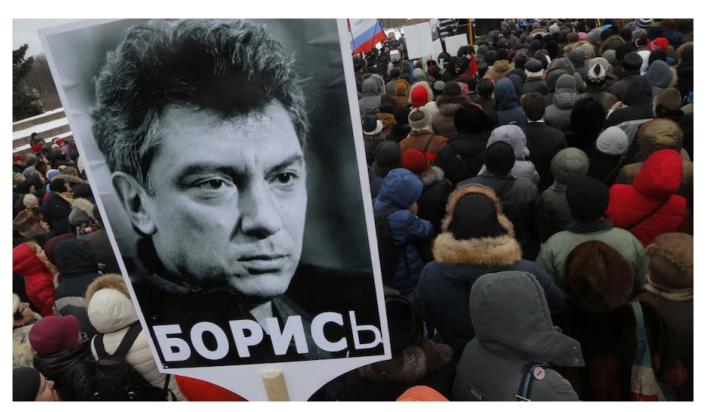


Officials Approve Memorial to Murdered Russian Politician Boris Nemtsov

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Officials in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod have approved a memorial plaque to murdered opposition leader Boris Nemtsov.

Nemtsov, who worked as deputy prime minister under ■ President Boris Yeltsin, was head of the Nizhny Novgorod region ■ between 1991 and 1997.

A plaque will be mounted on the house where Nemtsov lived when he⊠served as governor, Russian television channel Dozhd reported.

Activists submitted a petition with 30,000 signatures to Moscow mayor Sergei Sobyanin in September 2016, asking for a small plaque to be erected on the bridge near Red Square where Nemstov was killed. ■

An unofficial source in the mayor's office told the Interfax news ■agency that the Moscow authorities believed "it would not be possible" ■to install the memorial.

Boris Nemtsov was <u>fatally</u><u>■shot</u> in the back in a drive-by shooting while walking across Moscow's Bolshoi Moskvoretsky Bridge on Feb. 27, 2015.

Five men are currently charged with carrying out his murder: Zaur⊠Dadaev, brothers Anzor and Shagid Gubashev, Tamerlan Eskerkhanov, and⊠Khamzat Bakhaev. A sixth suspect, Beslan Shavanov, killed himself⊠during a confrontation with police.

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