

Russian Blogger Ilya Varlamov Attacked Twice in One Day

Another zelenka attack strikes in Russia: this time on famous blogger Varlamov

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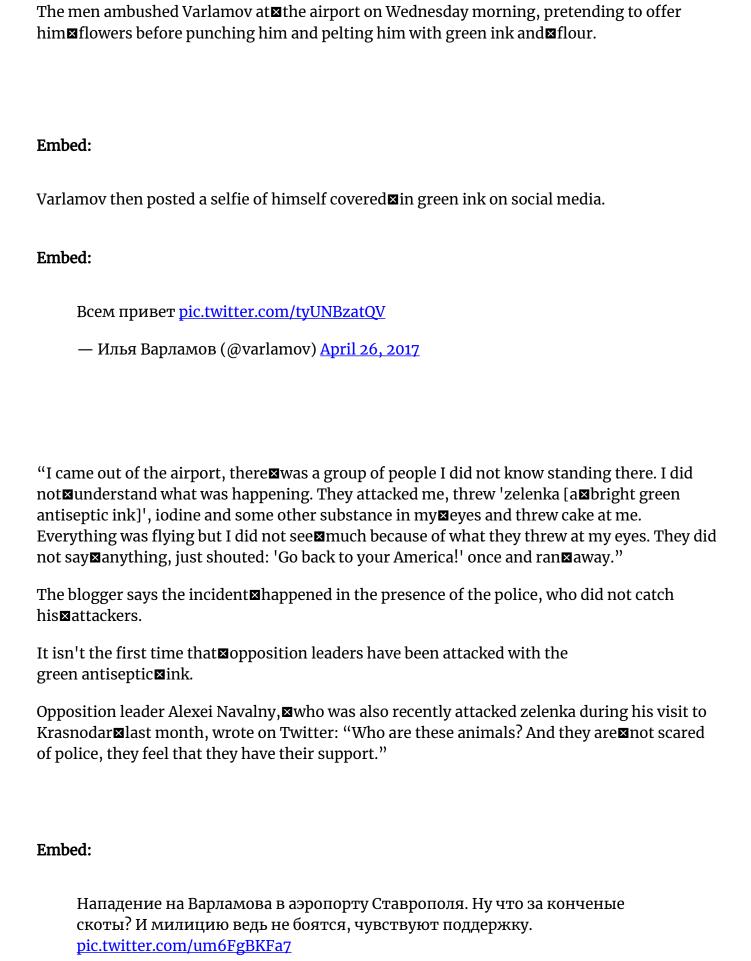
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A group of men in the southern⊠Russian city of Stavropol have attacked Russian opposition blogger⊠Ilya Varlamov twice in a single day.

The blogger had travelled to Stavropol as part of an ongoing tour around Russia's provincial cities, where he often criticized the local authorities for mismanagement and corruption.



— Alexey Navalny (@navalny) April 26, 2017

In another blog post, Varlamov published photographs of the policemen who witnessed the incident. He wrote: "I think the policemen did do anything in order to detain the attackers. They could have easily stopped one of them, but they let them go. The attackers then calmly ran towards the city center."

He also posted photographs which he⊠managed to take of the alleged attackers before the incident.

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— Илья Варламов (@varlamov) <u>April 26, 2017</u>

A few hours later, still in Stavropol, Varlamov was attacked again. "We are being followed, the car is being attacked by people who look like bandits," he wrote on his blog.

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Zelenka (which is sometimes translated as "Brilliant Green" in English) has been increasingly used in Russia as a form of intimidation. As well as being used against politician Alexei Navalny, it has also been used against human rights defenders and journalists.

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