

## Russian Billionaire Posts 'Loser' Rant Against Opposition's Navalny

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Russian billionaire Alisher Usmanov Vedomosti

Russian billionaire Alisher Usmanov has published a video tirade against opposition leader Alexei Navalny, branding him a "loser" in a 12-minute online rant.

Usmanov, who is currently suing Navalny for libel, labeled the presidential hopeful a "criminal," unable to grasp basic business concepts.

The businessman published the clip on Wednesday evening, the day before case appeared in court.

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"[Navalny is] just an ignoramus. In the last ten years, my businesses have created 40,000 jobs and invested more than 800 billion rubles in technology, in infrastructure," Usmanov said.

"Unlike [Navalny], I have achieved everything using hard work, ability, and honesty: you can never slander me in life."

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Usmanov took Navalny to court after the politician accused him of paying bribes to Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev.

Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation⊠(ACF) publicly

alleged that Usmanov had given

Medvedev a plot of land with property worth 5 billion rubles **2**(\$87.8 million) in the Russian village of Znamenskoe under **2** the guise of a donation to the Sotsgosproekt Foundation, a charity **2** associated with Medvedev's former classmate Ilya Yeliseyev.

The billionaire has denied the  $\blacksquare$  claims, saying instead that he had donated the mansion i n

exchange for real estate the organization already owned near Usmanov's home.

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