

Ekho Moskvyy Radio Station Editor Stabbed in Moscow

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Tatiana Felgenhauer / Facebook

The deputy editor of the independent radio station Ekho Moskvyy Tatiana Felgenhauer has been stabbed in the neck, the radio station [reported](#) Monday.

Felgenhauer has been hospitalized and varying reports of her condition are circulating Russian media. The state-run TASS news agency [cited](#) an unnamed hospital source as saying the editor is in a grave condition. Alexei Venediktov, the editor-in-chief of Ekho Moskvyy, wrote on his Telegram channel that Felgenhauer had been taken to the operating room.

Investigators have [opened](#) a criminal case into attempted murder, while police [named](#) “personal enmity” as the leading cause of the attack.

Ekho Moskvyy reports that the radio station’s security has apprehended the assailant and turned him over to the authorities.

Venediktov told an AFP reporter later on Monday that the attacker singled out Felgengauer. "He knew where he was going and for who."

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Russian media [say](#) two men stormed the radio station's Moscow office after spraying an unknown substance at security guards, in what appears to have been a pre-meditated attack.

The state-run RIA Novosti news agency quotes an unnamed source as saying that the attack may have been motivated by a personal conflict, while Interfax news agency sources say Felgenhauer was acquainted with the assailant and that the attack was not connected to her journalism.

Ekho later [named](#) the alleged assailant as Boris Grits. In online footage of his police interrogation, Grits introduces himself and is quoted as saying "I've only known the victim telepathically for 5 years."

"I was motivated by the fact that she has been sexually harassing me for 2 months. Every night, using telepathic means of contact, she entered and sexually harassed me," he adds in the interrogation.

Moscow police's press service was [cited](#) the by Interfax news agency later on Monday as saying the attacker was a foreign passport holder.

The attack follows reports on state-run television earlier this month that Ekho Moskvyy [conspired](#) with U.S. state-funded media to shape a pro-Western narrative ahead of the 2018 presidential elections.

Earlier this year, prominent Russian journalist and a regular contributor to Ekho Moskvyy Yulia Latynina fled Russia following a series of attacks.

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