

Navalny's Campaign Foundation Disbanded by Court Order

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A Moscow court has ruled to shut down Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny's foundation, a week after officials first moved to close down the legal entity.

Russia's Justice Ministry [filed](#) a lawsuit last Monday to shutter the Fifth Season of the Year foundation over unspecified violations. In the past week, more than a dozen Navalny offices have been [targeted](#) by police raids across the country.

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The Meshchansky District Court ruled in favor of Russia's Justice Ministry, ordering to shut down the Fifth Season of the Year Foundation, the Mediazona news website [reported](#) on Monday.

The Justice Ministry argued that the foundation was involved with funding Navalny's presidential campaign, despite listing media support as its goal in the organization's charter, *Mediazona* reported.

The organization was also accused of financing the activist's presidential campaign by accepting anonymous bitcoin donations.

Navalny has called for a nationwide protest on Jan. 28 against Russia's upcoming presidential elections, scheduled for March 18. The opposition leader was barred from running as a candidate by election officials last month, over a past fraud conviction that his supporters say is politically motivated.

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