

Russian Site Blocked After Report on FSB Chief's Alleged Secret Real Estate

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Alexander Bortnikov / Kremlin Press Service

The Russiangate.com investigative website was shut down hours after it published a report Wednesday alleging that the chief of Russia's Federal Security Services (FSB) owns secret real estate outside St. Petersburg.

The website [claimed](#) that FSB chief Alexander Bortnikov owns a land plot and luxury house worth up to 300 million rubles (\$5.3 million) in Sestroretsk, 30 kilometers northwest of St. Petersburg. It said that the real estate did not appear in the government official's end-of-year tax declarations and was deleted from the state property registry last year.

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"Three hours after publishing the investigation on Bortnikov's undeclared real estate, we have been blocked," chief editor Alexandrina Yelagina [said](#) on her Telegram messaging app channel late Tuesday.

In comments to MBKh media, Yelagina [said](#) the decision was likely taken by Russia's state media watchdog Roskomnadzor after a request by the Prosecutor General's office, though she said neither organization had notified the website about any violations.

The [Russiangate.com](#) website remained inaccessible at the time of posting on Wednesday morning.

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