

Russia Could Still Block YouTube, Instagram Over Billionaire Bribery Investigation

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Oleg Deripaska **Sergei Savostyanov / TASS**

Thirteen links to a video investigation by opposition leader Alexei Navalny into billionaire Oleg Deripaska and a senior government figure stand in the way of YouTube and Instagram being blocked in Russia.

A court injunction in Deripaska's native region [ordered](#) the removal of several Instagram posts and YouTube videos that breach his right to privacy, in a move that threatens to see both platforms shuttered by Wednesday.

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Russia's communications watchdog Roskomnadzor [blacklisted](#) the materials following the court order.

Roskomnadzor said it removed 29 sites from its so-called blacklist after “a majority” complied with the court order and deleted their coverage of Navalny’s investigation, Interfax [reported](#) Wednesday.

“The resources that have not deleted the banned information and remain [blacklisted] (13 links) are still being monitored,” Roskomnadzor’s press office was quoted as saying.

“These resources face a deadline of late evening Feb. 14 to remove the information specified in the court decision,” it warned.

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