

Moscow Court Upholds FSB's Refusal to Open Wallenberg Files, Citing Prisoner Privacy

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A Moscow Court has upheld a decision by the Federal Security Service (FSB) not to declassify prison records which could shed light on the death of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg.

While working at the Swedish Embassy in Budapest, Wallenberg helped rescue thousands of Jews during World War II. But after the Red Army entered Hungary, he disappeared.

He is believed to have died in 1947 in a prison at the KGB's Lubyanka headquarters in central Moscow where he was being held on espionage charges.

His relatives have for decades sought to shine light on the circumstances of his death, but have been refused access to prison records.

Wallenberg's niece Marie Dupuy last summer sued the FSB, the KGB's successor, for refusing to open prison records, but the case was dismissed by a district court.

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On Tuesday, the Moscow City Court ruled in favor of the FSB's decision not to release the documents, Russian news agencies reported.

A representative for the FSB was [cited](#) by the state-run RIA Novosti agency as saying that opening Wallenberg's dossier could harm the descendants of other prisoners.

"You want us to make public that so and so sat in the Lubyanka prison, and this person's relative lives somewhere. [That] person's neighbor will think: if that person was detained it must have been for a reason," the FSB representative was cited as saying.

"Not every relative wants such information to be published."

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