

'Leader of Russian Criminal World' Sentenced to Nearly a Decade Behind Bars

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A notorious Russian criminal boss has been sentenced to almost a decade in prison on charges of extortion after a deadly shootout outside a Moscow restaurant in 2015.

Zakhar Kalashov, also known as “Young Shakro,” was arrested in June 2016 on charges of extorting money from the owner of a Moscow restaurant after a violent shootout left two people dead in December 2015. Prosecutors sought a 10-year sentence in a high-security penal colony for Young Shakro. His arrest led to the detentions of seven Investigative Committee employees, including a newly-appointed senior investigator [accused](#) of taking a massive bribe to help Young Shakro quash his extortion investigation.

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A Moscow city judge ruled Kalashov guilty of extortion and sentenced him to nine years and 10 months in a maximum security penal colony, the Moskva news agency [reported](#) on Thursday.

According to the RBC business daily, the indictment [named](#) Young Shakro the “leader of the Russian criminal world” at the helm of a multi-layered criminal structure.

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