

Russian Prosecutor Demands U.K. Return \$8.4 Billion 'Looted' by Russian Criminals

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Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika **Stanislav Krasilnikov** / TASS

Russia's chief prosecutor has demanded that Britain return 500 billion rubles (\$8.4 billion) stolen by Russian economic criminals that Moscow has been seeking to repatriate for over a decade.

The Prosecutor General's Office has sought the extradition of 61 Russians accused of financial crimes since 2002, Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika told the state-run NTV channel in an interview Sunday. Chaika said Russia incurred more than \$8 billion in "direct losses," adding that "significantly more" has been siphoned off to the U.K.

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"Keep the criminals but give us back the money. This is our money," Chaika [said](#).

According to Russia's chief prosecutor, Moscow hopes that London will use its anti-money laundering and corruption laws "in accordance with the standards of a civilized state and not on the principle of looting the looted."

"In other words, they stole in Russia and now Great Britain will seize [the assets] and take it all into its budget," Chaika said.

Update: A previous version of this article stated that Yury Chaika had demanded that Britain return \$500 billion in losses. The correct number is 500 billion rubles (\$8.4 billion).

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