

Second Torture Video Leaked From Notorious Russian Prison

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A prison in Yaroslavl has become the focal point of torture allegations yet again following the publication of a second video in which guards are seen beating prisoners.

Twelve former Yaroslavl prison officials have been arrested this summer after a video [leaked](#) of several men in correctional uniforms and plain clothes beating and waterboarding a prisoner. Russia's Federal Prison Service (FSIN) [vowed](#) to launch a nationwide inspection of correctional facilities and discipline abusive officials after the video's publication.

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On Thursday, the Novaya Gazeta investigative newspaper published another video showing guards beating prisoners at the same Yaroslavl penal colony. Public Verdict, the rights group that shared the clip with Novaya Gazeta, [said](#) it believes the beatings may have been filmed

around December 2016.

“This isn’t an isolated case, but only the tip of the iceberg,” Public Verdict [said](#).

“The new video shows us that torture at Penal Colony 1 isn’t an accident but systemic,” Novaya Gazeta [wrote](#).

In the 5-minute video, guards are heard reminding each other to turn off surveillance cameras ahead of beatings, then turn them back on afterward. In the meantime, they are seen lined up in the narrow hallway punching and kicking inmates who are ordered to run back and forth.

Another Novaya Gazeta video shows an inmate demonstrating his bruises to a doctor, while a third brief clip shows an unidentified half-naked prisoner losing consciousness during questioning.

FSIN [told](#) Interfax later on Thursday that the videos published by Novaya Gazeta had been uncovered in an internal inspection and had been forwarded to investigators last week.

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