Russian Hospital Torched After Anti-Corruption Investigation

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A hooded man [set fire](#) to the front door a hospital near Moscow late on Thursday, hours after opposition leader Alexei Navalny released an investigative report about alleged corruption at the facility.

Surveillance camera footage posted online showed a man in a hoodie setting a bag ablaze at the entry of the Central District Hospital in the town of Yegorievsk before running away. Earlier that day, a Youtube channel run by Navalny's staff had aired a segment accusing the hospital of massively overcharging customers for subsidized medication and burial services.

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On Friday, the state-run TASS news agency [reported](#)that police had opened a criminal investigation into the arson.

"It has been established that an unknown man entered the hospital, put a bag near the front door of the main entrance, set it on fire and disappeared," local police told the agency.

The state–run RIA Novosti news agency [reported](#) that no one had been injured in the fire.

Commenting on the event, Alexei Navalny posted on Twitter that he believed the fire was purposely set to prevent a further audit of the hospital.

"At the Yegorievsk hospital...about which we filmed a report, they decided that only a fire would save them from an audit and set fire to their local hospital," the oppositionist [said](#).

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