

Russian Court Orders Navalny to Take Down Corruption Investigation Into National Guard

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A court in Moscow has ordered opposition leader Alexei Navalny to take down his second video investigation in two years.

Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation [alleged](#) in August that at least \$29 million had been stolen from the Russian National Guard's food supply contracts. The video led the head of the National Guard, Viktor Zolotov, to challenge Navalny to a duel – with the Kremlin's tacit [approval](#) – where he vowed to turn the outspoken Kremlin critic into “mincemeat.”

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“The court satisfied the ‘Druzhba Narodov LLC’ meat processing plant’s protection of

business reputation claim against Navalny,” Moscow’s arbitration court [told](#) Interfax on Tuesday.

Later that day, Navalny [tweeted](#) an ironic acronym for a Russian phrase that roughly translates as “we’re so surprised.”

An Anti-Corruption Foundation lawyer [said](#) they planned to appeal the court decision.

Last month, a Moscow court [rejected](#) National Guard director Viktor Zolotov’s slander lawsuit against Navalny in connection with the same procurement contract investigation.

Previously in 2017, Navalny’s foundation [complied](#) with a court order to remove excerpts of a video investigation accusing Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and billionaire Alisher Usmanov of corruption.☒

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