

# Evidence in NTV Co-Founder Malashenko's Death Points to Suicide, Spanish Court Says

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Igor Malashenko **Sergei Kiselyov / Moskva News Agency**

Renowned Russian media executive and political consultant Igor Malashenko is believed to have died by suicide in Spain, Russian state media cited a Spanish court as saying.

Malashenko's former colleagues and family said he had taken his own life at age 64 on Monday, but no official sources have yet confirmed the reports.

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"Everything shows" that Malashenko died by suicide, the state-run TASS news agency [cited](#) an unnamed Spanish law enforcement source as saying on Tuesday.

A preliminary autopsy report indicated that "hanging was the cause of death," an unnamed court official was later quoted as [saying](#).

“According to preliminary data, there are no signs of a crime,” the High Court of Justice official added.

TASS reported that Malashenko’s final autopsy report will be ready within a month. Spain’s main news agency EFE [reports](#) that the autopsy was conducted on Tuesday.

Malashenko was the co-founder and president of NTV, an independent television channel founded by a group of leading journalists, before joining Boris Yeltsin's campaign team to engineer his presidential victory in 1996. More recently, he headed Ksenia Sobchak’s 2018 presidential campaign.

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