Russia to Arm Police With AR Face Recognition Glasses By 2020

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Police officers in large Russian cities will be able to identify criminals using face recognition glasses by 2020, the head of state-owned industrial conglomerate Rostec said Thursday.

The augmented-reality (AR) glasses will use technology that helped catch more than 180 criminals during the football World Cup in Russia last year, Sergei Chemezov said at a tech conference in central Russia. Their developer already deploys facial recognition technology to identify criminal suspects across a network of 160,000 surveillance cameras in Moscow.

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"I think next year you'll be able to see police with these unusual gadgets on the streets of major cities," Chemezov was quoted as saying by the state-run TASS news agency Thursday.

FindFace technology developed by Rostec-owned firm NTechLab has made headlines in

recent years for [outing](#) anti–corruption demonstrators in Russia and [finding](#) people's social media accounts based on their photographs.

Chemezov's announcement comes after Russian media reported that law enforcement officers in Moscow were [testing](#) bodycams with Rostec's face recognition technology.

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