

Colombian Faces 10 Years in Jail for Ukraine War 'Fakes'

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A Colombian man became one of the first known foreign citizens Monday to face charges for spreading “fake news” about Russia’s war in Ukraine.

A Moscow court [ordered](#) the arrest of Giraldo Saray Alberto Enrique who will remain in custody until June 8 ahead of a trial.

It said Enrique, 40, was charged with “publicly spreading knowingly false information about the Russian armed forces.” If found guilty, he faces a fine of up to 5 million rubles (\$60,000) and as many as 15 years in jail.

Prior to Enrique, prominent Ukrainian journalist Dmitry Gordon is the only known non-Russian citizen to be [charged](#) with discrediting and spreading “fake news” about the Russian military.

Enrique’s lawyer did not disclose what exactly he was accused of sharing online, citing a gag

order, according to the Kommersant business daily. His profiles on social media include several pro-Russian posts, including [one](#) that alleges Russophobia is rampant in the West and that Ukraine is a puppet of NATO.

Kommersant reported that Giraldo holds a Russian passport and investigators believed he was a flight risk because of a valid U.S. visa.

Enrique is reportedly a pastry sales entrepreneur who had worked for a travel agency selling trips to Latin America prior to his detention. He apparently has a 12-year-old daughter in Moscow from a previous marriage.

Russia made the spread of "false" information about its troops a crime punishable by up to 15 years in prison after President Vladimir Putin sent troops into Ukraine.

At least 20 Russians have been [charged](#) under the new "fake news" law, according to human rights lawyer Pavel Chikov.

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