

# Anti-Kremlin Protester Jailed for 'Russian Warship, Go F\*\*k Yourself' Tattoo

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## Russian Interior Ministry

A Russian anti-government protester has been jailed and fined for violating wartime censorship laws with his tattoo of the [viral phrase](#) “Russian warship, go f\*\*k yourself,” media [reported](#) Tuesday.

Authorities [detained](#) Stepan Zimin after pro-war bloggers published a video of him with the tattoo, which bears the phrase that became a rallying cry for Ukrainian resistance against Russia’s invasion.

Zimin was [charged](#) with petty hooliganism and “discrediting the Russian military,” both misdemeanor offenses.

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Moscow's Basmanny District Court jailed Zimin for seven days for petty hooliganism and fined him 30,000 rubles (\$340) for "discrediting" the army, according to the Ostorozhno Novosti Telegram news channel.

The outlet [said](#) pro-war bloggers published video footage of Zimin making an on-camera apology to Russian soldiers and promising to erase the tattoo, which he told the court he received "as an impulsive fool" two years ago.

Zimin previously [served](#) prison time for clashes during mass anti-Putin rallies in 2012.

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