

Russia Adds Author Dmitry Bykov to 'Terrorists and Extremists' List

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Dmitry Bykov. **Kirill Zykov / Moskva News Agency**

Russia's financial watchdog Rosfinmonitoring on Thursday [added](#) exiled author and anti-war intellectual Dmitry Bykov to its list of "terrorists and extremists."

The designation allows the authorities to freeze bank accounts and block access to financial services without a court ruling. Rosfinmonitoring's list of "terrorists and extremists" includes more than 17,800 individuals and over 800 organizations.

Russian investigators announced in April that they [charged](#) Bykov, who now lives in the U.S., with spreading "fake news" about the war in Ukraine and evading "foreign agent" obligations.

The Justice Ministry labeled him a "foreign agent" in July 2022.

Law enforcement authorities placed Bykov on a federal wanted list in July. Last month, a Moscow court placed him in pre-trial detention in absentia on both charges.

In December 2023, one of Russia's leading publishing houses suspended the printing and sale of Bykov's books over his anti-war views.

Bykov, a critic of President Vladimir Putin and the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, has taught at Cornell University since 2022 and is now a modern language and cultures professor at the University of Rochester.

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