

# Moscow Court Issues Arrest Warrant for Zhanna Nemtsova

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Zhanna Nemtsova. MSC / Kuhlmann (CC BY 3.0 de)

A Moscow judge has issued an arrest warrant for Zhanna Nemtsova, the daughter of the late Kremlin critic Boris Nemtsov, state-run media reported Thursday.

The warrant went into effect after a judge at the Moscow City Court upheld Nemtsova's earlier pre-trial detention in absentia, which a lower court [issued](#) on July 31.

"An arrest warrant has been issued for Nemtsova Zhanna Borisovna," the state-run RIA Novosti news agency [quoted](#) the judge as saying as she rejected the defense's appeal.

Nemtsova, who has lived in Europe for several years, faces charges of organizing the activities of an "undesirable" organization. The criminal offense carries a maximum penalty of six years in prison.

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Nemtsova [said](#) the charges stem from her work with the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom, a Germany-based non-profit she helped establish in November 2015.

The foundation supports independent journalism and offers educational grants and scholarships to activists and reporters. Russian authorities [designated](#) Nemtsova's foundation as "undesirable" in 2024.

Her father, Boris Nemtsov, was gunned down near the Kremlin in February 2015. He was once seen as Boris Yeltsin's chosen successor and later became one of Vladimir Putin's most formidable opponents.

Five men were convicted for Nemtsov's murder, but his family and supporters maintain that the organizers behind the killing remain unpunished.

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