

Russia Brands Exiled YouTuber Yury Dud 'Terrorist and Extremist'

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Yuri Dud. [@vdud](#) / YouTube

Russia's financial monitoring agency Rosfinmonitoring added exiled journalist and YouTuber Yury Dud to its database of "terrorists and extremists" on Wednesday.

It was not immediately clear whether Dud faces criminal charges, but an asterisk marked alongside his entry in the database [indicates](#) that he is under criminal investigation.

In April, the head of Russia's top investigative body, the Investigative Committee, [ordered](#) a criminal probe into Dud after he published an interview with Denis Kapustin, the leader of a far-right paramilitary group fighting alongside Ukrainian forces against Russia.

Kapustin is also on Rosfinmonitoring's registry of "terrorists and extremists."

Investigative Committee Chairman Alexander Bastrykin accused Dud of providing "positive coverage of banned misanthropic ideologies" and "promoting violence against people based on nationality."

State Duma lawmaker Andrei Alshevskikh, who is a member of the ruling United Russia party, later [asked](#) law enforcement authorities to press terrorism charges against Dud for the interview.

On Monday, a Moscow court [fined](#) Dud 40,000 rubles (\$470) for violating Russia's "foreign agent" law. In November, he was [sentenced](#) to nearly two years in prison in absentia after being found guilty of "foreign agent" law violations.

Dud's YouTube channel, which he launched in 2017, has more than 10 million subscribers and features interviews with politicians, musicians, journalists and business leaders, among others.

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