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**Russia: Stanislav Dmitrievskii**

Stanislav Dmitrievskii, executive director of the RCFS and the editor-in-chief of the newspaper Pravo-Zashchita (Rights Protection) has been given a two-year suspended sentence and a four-year probationary period for publishing articles written by the late Chechen separatist leader Aslan Maskhadov and his envoy, Akhmed Zakayev. Both articles contained calls for a peaceful resolution of the Chechen conflict.

Amnesty International believes that the prosecution of Stanislav Dmitrievskii on "race-hate" charges constitutes a violation of his right to freedom of expression. The organization calls for the sentence to be quashed.

Release and fully acquit Stanislav Dmitrievskii; sentenced for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression