

Ingushetia vs. Zhirinovsky

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Ingush lawmakers have followed their Chechen colleagues in asking the State Duma to sack Deputy Speaker Vladimir Zhirinovsky for alleged extremist remarks, Kommersant reported Tuesday.

Neither legislature identified any particular statements they took issue with, but both attacked Zhirinovsky over his appearance on a Channel One talk show last week. The show's topic was "Do Russians in Russia require protection?"

The Ingush legislature accused Zhirinovsky of trying to gain support for his Liberal Democratic Party ahead of Duma elections in December. They also said in an online statement that they have asked the Prosecutor General's Office to look into his remarks.

Chechen lawmakers and the republic's president, Ramzan Kadyrov, lashed out at Zhirinovsky over the weekend. Zhirinovsky has dismissed allegations that he was fanning ethnic hatred. ☒