

Rolling Stone Tsarnaev Cover Angers Readers

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Popular U.S. magazine Rolling Stone has decided to put Boston marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev on the cover of its first August issue, eliciting hundreds of angry comments by bloggers who sympathize with the more than 200 victims of the April bombing.

The issue will deliver a "deeply reported account of the life and times" of Tsarnaev written by a journalist who interviewed dozens of people close to Tsarnaev in the last two months, the bimonthly said on its website late Tuesday.

The report is a "riveting and heartbreaking account of how a charming kid with a bright future became a monster," a preview on the magazine's website says.

However, the decision met with an angry response on the magazine's Facebook account, RIA Novosti reported. One person commented that the publication "should be ashamed," while another said "It's lucky that my subscription just ended."

The Russian edition of the publication will not carry Tsarnaev's picture, the publication's chief editor Alexander Kondukov told Russian News Service radio.

Two explosions close to the finish line of the international marathon in Boston killed three people and injured more than 200 on April 15.

One of the suspects, North-Caucasus native Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who had mixed Chechen-Dagestani origin, was gunned down in a shootout with police, while his younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was arrested.

On July 10, Tsarnaev pleaded not guilty to the charges in a U.S. court. The next hearing is scheduled for Sept. 23.

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