

# Photographer Says Kadyrov Stole His Picture

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A screen capture of Kadyrov's Instagram account showing Herbert Schroer's picture, albeit with a filter applied to it.

A Dutch photographer has accused Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov, a prolific Instagram user, of stealing a photo by posting it online without attribution.

The photographer, Herbert Schröer, said he [originally posted a picture of sheep](#) in the French Alps on Instagram a month ago.

Kadyrov apparently posted the same picture, which has been "liked" by more than 6,000 people, to Instagram on Wednesday (since removed).

"Holy [expletive]!!! The president of Chechnya has stolen my Instagram photo and put a filter over it," Schröer [said on Twitter](#) after being notified by e-mail that his picture was on the Chechen leader's Instagram page.



Herbert

*Schröer's photograph, as seen on Instagram (Instagram)*

Schröer asked Instagram via Twitter if he should follow the normal copyright routine in reporting a copyright violation. Instagram did not immediately provide a reply.

But Kadyrov was coming under fire on his Instagram account from Russian users who had read about the photo flap. "Stealing photos is a bad thing to do even by the president of a Russian region," one reader wrote wryly.

Kadyrov has more than 180,000 followers on Instagram and uses it to post pictures of himself and idyllic shots of Chechen landscapes.

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