

2,000 Russians on Interpol's Wanted List

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About 2,000 Russians are currently on Interpol's international wanted list for various crimes, a spokeswoman for Russia's prosecutor general said in comments to Interfax on Wednesday.

"In 2013, with the help of Interpol, more than 100 suspects placed on an international wanted list in Russia were apprehended in various foreign countries. More than 50 fugitives were extradited or deported to Russia. Currently, Interpol's branch in Russia is searching for more than 2,000 people, with the aim of arresting them and handing them over for criminal prosecution or the fulfillment of a verdict," spokeswoman Marina Gridneva was cited as saying by Interfax.

Gridneva's comments came as Prosecutor General Yury Chaika met with Interpol's General Secretary Ronald Noble, where the two discussed the "Electronic Extradition" project launched by Interpol in 2012, Interfax reported. The aim of that project is to expedite the procedure for inquiries on extradition, taking into account the fact that Interpol offers round-the-clock support to its 190 member states.

The pair also discussed "general issues in anti-crime cooperation," Gridneva said, and Chaika expressed appreciation for Interpol's help in locating fugitives, Interfax reported.

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