

Media Watchdog Warns Magazine Over Vulgar Term

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Russia's communications watchdog Roskomnadzor issued a warning on Monday over the use of an expletive by weekly magazine Russky Reportyor.

According to the warning letter, posted on the agency's website, the word was printed in the magazine's Oct. 23 edition, in an article describing public reactions to an incident where a driver refused to leave his car while it was being towed away by the parking authorities.

The story, titled "Don't Touch My Car Dude," contained a list of reactions to the event that random people had posted online. One of them, Dmitry Danilyants said he was "surprised none of [the workers that towed the car] were [expletive]," according to the web version of the article, which was still available at the time of publication.

Russky Reportyor is known for its lengthy reports from hot spots around the globe. The magazine will have to pay a fine of up to 2,500 rubles (\$55). A law restricting the use of profanity in the public sphere was signed by President Vladimir Putin last May.

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