

Former Nuclear Scientist Charged With Treason in Russia

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A former nuclear scientist has been charged with treason in Russia over a publication in a scientific journal, the Meduza news website reported Wednesday.

Vladimir Golubev worked at the Sarov Nuclear Center from 1975 to 2013, focusing on explosives, his lawyer, Yevgeny Gubin, told Meduza.

"He published his work in 2013 after a scientific conference in the Czech Republic and publication in a journal followed. They opened a case against him in July 2014 on suspicion of revealing state secrets," Gubin was cited as saying Wednesday.

The Federal Security Service, a successor agency to the KGB, claimed the information Golubev published in the Czech journal was classified as secret by the Russian government. Golubev says he did not reveal anything that was not already available to the public in existing science journals, Meduza reported.

Golubev, who lives in the city of Nizhny Novgorod, is under oath not to leave the country after

being charged, Gubin said.

Last week, news broke that a Russian mother of seven had been charged with treason for calling the Ukrainian Embassy to warn them about the potential deployment of Russian troops to Ukraine. Following a public outcry over her detention, Svetlana Davydova was released from a Moscow pre-trial detention center Tuesday on the condition that she stay in the country.

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