

Volgograd Man Gets 1.5 Year Prison Sentence for Praising IS Online

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A Chechen man living in Russia's Volgograd region has been sentenced to 18 months in prison for praising the Islamic State on social networks, the Bloknot.ru news website reported Thursday.

Last spring Artur Kiskayev, 32, posted several texts on social networks which attracted the attention of the local FSB for inciting religious and national hatred, the Volgograd region branch of the Investigative Committee reported Thursday.

The case was investigated by regional FSB officers and the texts were considered by experts to be unlawful, according to the Investigative Committee.

Kiskayev pleaded guilty at the trial. He testified that he had copied and pasted the texts from other social network users and open source websites.

The Islamic State is a terrorist organization banned in Russia.

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