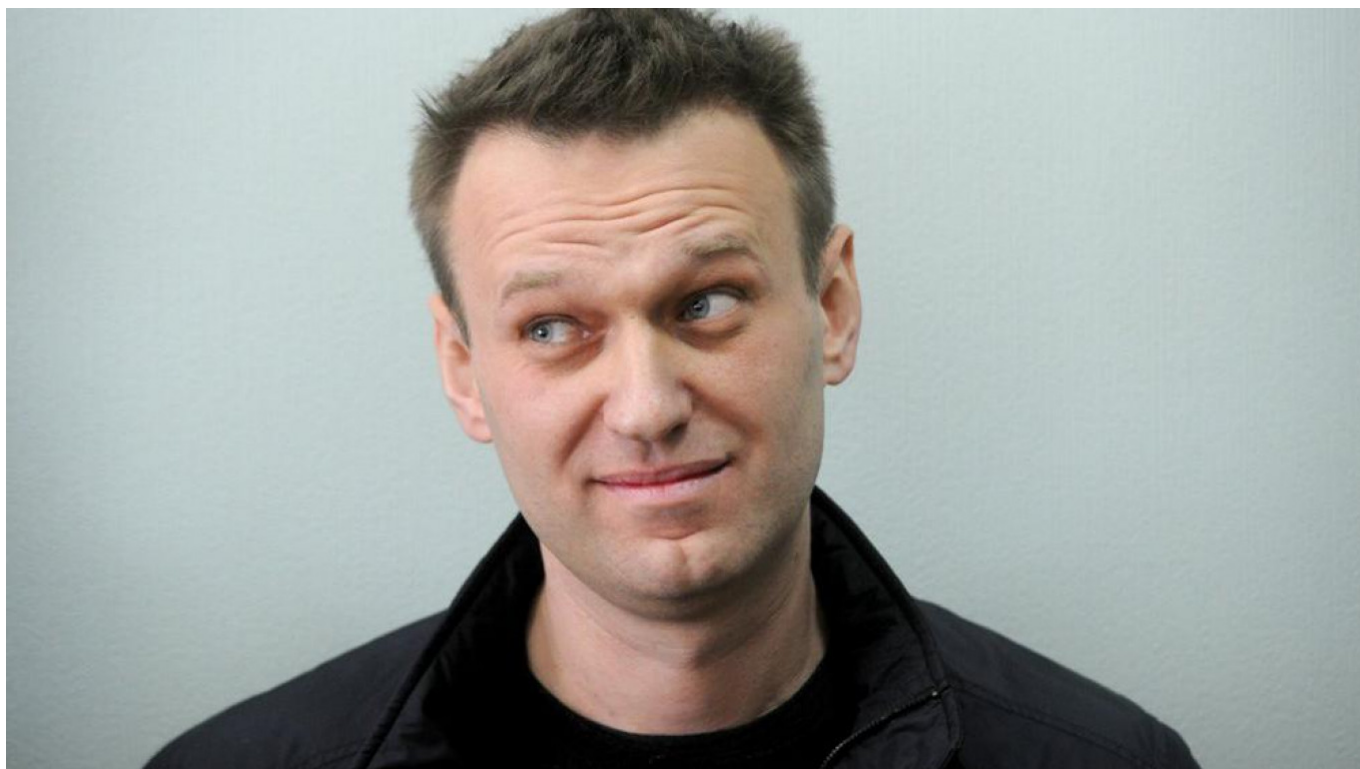


# Surprising No One, Moscow Court Rejects Navalny's Case Against Putin

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**Alexei Navalny (Lyubimov Andrei / Moskva News Agency)**

A Moscow court rejected opposition leader Alexei Navalny's lawsuit against President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday.

Navalny filed the suit against Putin Nov. 1, [claiming](#) that the Kremlin illegally orders regional authorities throughout Russia to reject his requests for rallies.

Navalny hopes to run in presidential elections next March but is barred from participating by a criminal conviction that he says is politically motivated.

His lawyer [wrote](#) on Facebook on Wednesday that Navalny's suit was rejected.

A spokeswoman for Tverskoy court later [told](#) the Interfax news agency that it wasn't authorized to hear administrative cases. Ivan Zhdanov, Navalny's lawyer, vowed to appeal the rejection.

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