

# Crimean Anti-Monopoly Official Found Dead

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Timofey Kurayev (r) / Vyacheslav Prokofiev / TASS

The head of Russia's Anti-Monopoly Service in Crimea and Sevastopol has been found dead, the state-run RIA Novosti news agency [reported](#) Wednesday.

Timofey Kurayev [committed](#) suicide in his home on Tuesday, the pro-Kremlin Kryminform news site [reported](#), according to a source in law enforcement.

A videotaped statement from Kurayev was found and is being studied by police, the state-run TASS news agency [reported](#) Wednesday. An anonymous police source told the news agency that suicide was being investigated as the most likely cause of death.

Kurayev, 44, formerly worked in the Interior Ministry and headed the anti-monopoly service in Crimea since 2014.

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