

Russian Lawmakers Seek Revenge Over Butina Sentencing – Reports

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Maria Butina **Vkontakte**

Russian lawmakers have asked the foreign minister to draw up a list of officials involved in the prosecution of admitted Russian agent Maria Butina, the pro-Kremlin Izvestia newspaper reported Tuesday.

Butina was [sentenced](#) to 18 months after she pleaded guilty in December to conspiring with a Russian official to infiltrate a gun rights group and influence U.S. conservative activists and Republicans. Russian President Vladimir Putin [called](#) Butina's sentencing, where she will be deported back to Russia after serving approximately half her prison term, an outrage.

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Russian deputies asked Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to draft a so-called "Butina List" of U.S. officials accused of "violating the fundamental rights and freedoms of Russian citizens," Izvestia [reported](#).

“The threat of making it into the ‘Butina List’ should over time sober up foreign officials accustomed to the almost unpunished harassment of Russians,” the lawmakers reportedly said.

Moscow [estimates](#) 40 Russian citizens have been arrested abroad at the request of U.S. intelligence services since the two sides agreed on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters in 1999.

A U.S. State Department warning against traveling to Russia in 2018 prompted the Foreign Ministry to warn its compatriots that U.S. intelligence services are “hunting” for Russians abroad.

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