

Opposition Figure Sobol Attacked Outside Moscow Apartment

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Russian opposition activist Lyubov Sobol has been attacked with an unknown liquid outside her Moscow apartment, the activist said on Thursday.

Sobol [emerged](#) as the de facto leader of this summer's Moscow protest movement to demand fair local elections after several of her fellow opposition candidates were jailed on protest-related charges. Following a two-week lapse in protests, Sobol and other opposition figures have [called](#) on supporters to attend a peaceful protest in central Moscow on Saturday.

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Только что на меня напали около подъезда моего дома, когда я садилась в такси, выплеснули какую-то грязь, залили салон машины. Все это снимал пригожинский ублюдок на видео pic.twitter.com/QV5X2QSXps

— Соболь Любовь (@SobolLubov) [August 29, 2019](#)

“They just attacked me near the entrance of my building when I got in a taxi,” Sobol tweeted. “They threw some dirt and flooded the inside of the car.”

“The whole thing was filmed by a [supporter of businessman Yevgeny Prigozhin] on video,” she added alongside photos of the taxi, her jacket and the boy who filmed her.

After Russian election officials this month struck down Sobol’s appeal to be allowed onto the Sept. 8 ballot, she called on supporters to take part in a “Smart Voting” [strategy](#) on election day.

In June, Sobol’s campaign booths had been [attacked](#) with feces while she was collecting the required signatures to appear on the Moscow City Duma ballot.

Prigozhin, often called “Putin's chef,” has previously been linked to a 2016 [attempt](#) on Sobol’s husband’s life. This spring, Prigozhin's school catering company [sued](#) Sobol, opposition figure Alexei Navalny and Navalny's Anti-Corruption Fund over an investigation they conducted into the company's supply of food to schools.

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