

In Photos: Remembering Boris Nemtsov's Life, 9 Years After His Murder

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Prominent Russian opposition politician Boris Nemtsov was murdered on this day in 2015. Nemtsov was a vocal critic of President Vladimir Putin's regime and of the 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine. As war broke out in eastern Ukraine between pro-Russian separatists and Ukraine's forces, Nemtsov said: "I consider Putin's war against Ukraine to be the most serious of crimes. I want to say right away: this isn't a war between Russia and Ukraine. I don't believe in that definition. This war belongs to Putin. It's an absolutely cynical, deceitful, bloody, and fratricidal war against our brothers in Ukraine." He was shot and killed by hired assassins while walking near the Kremlin with his girlfriend. Nemtsov's murder marked a turning point in Russia's crackdown on Kremlin critics. Today, Nemtsov's close associates Vladimir Kara-Murza and Ilya Yashin are serving long prison sentences, while fellow opposition leader Alexei Navalny recently died in an Arctic prison. Here's a look back at photos from throughout Nemtsov's life:



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