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The importance of imprisoning corrupt officials: Appendix

Our 16 November 2009 research note [The importance of imprisoning corrupt officials](#) draws on information which, in a positive departure from past (anti-transparency) practice, has recently started to be published by the relevant Russian agencies. These include the Interior Ministry, the Legal Department of the Supreme Court and the Investigative Committee of the Federal General Prosecutor's Office. From this growing body of evidence emerges a picture of the increasing extent of the legal repression – through prosecutions and court convictions – of corruption. An important part of that picture are the prison sentences being handed down regularly to the state mafia – that is, the corrupt officials that prey on business.

The two tables below show sentences that were given during the period January-October 2009 to officials with “special legal status” (members of local legislatures, mayors, high-ranking employees of the Investigative Committee and so forth) or occupying a high-ranking position in an executive body or agency at the regional or municipal level. All of the information contained in these tables is taken from a comprehensive log of corruption cases, convictions and sentences published on the website of the Investigative Committee.

Appendix

Table 1: Officials sent to prison on corruption charges, January-October 2009

Month	City/region	Post held by the defendant(s)	Crime(s) for which convicted	Punishment
February	Orel	Former head of the regional branch of the Federal Registration Service	Abuse of office, swindling and exceeding official powers (among other crimes, misappropriated budget funds totalling more than Rb6 million by concluding a fictitious agreement with a local industrialist on leasing factory space)	8-year prison sentence, Rb500,000 fine and 3-year ban on employment in state service
March	Ulyanovsk	Former chief of police of Novomalyklinsky district	Bribe-taking (accepted Rb140,000 not to fine a local scrap metal dealer who had no licence)	2.5-year prison sentence
April	Bashkortostan	Chief architect of the Ufim local administration	Bribe-taking (demanded Rb2 million from a local firm for approving documents for the transfer of a plot of land for the construction of a cemetery)	4-year prison sentence (hard labour)
	Ulyanovsk	Former head and deputy head of the Zavolzhsk district administration	Swindling (demanded Rb3 million from a local company to approve the acquisition of land)	6-year and 6.5-year prison sentences, respectively, and fines of Rb800,000 each
	Chuvashiya	Head of the Poretsk district administration	Deliberate bankruptcy (as head of a local furniture company received credit worth Rb790,000 from a local administration to buy land, which he then sold at a significantly lower price, leaving the company unable to pay its debts)	2.5 year prison sentence

			and exceeding official powers (causing losses to the state of Rb34,000)	
	Pskov	Former head of the police department of Gdovsk district	Bribe-taking (demanded Rb100,000 a month to guarantee protection to a local amusement arcade owner)	3-year prison sentence
May	Karelia	Former acting deputy minister of industry and natural resources	Bribe-taking and illegal entrepreneurial activities (accepted bribes worth Rb11.8 million for issuing licences to a local granite-mining company and founded several companies for which he helped procure subsoil licences)	7-year prison sentence (hard labour) and 3-year ban on employment in state service
	Kurgan	Head of the department for the management of municipal property of Shumikhin district	Bribe-taking (to the tune of Rb350,000)	7-year prison sentence
	Penza	Former head of the Kuznetsk municipal administration	Abuse of office and exceeding official powers (facilitated the transfer of leased retail premises to a company owned by the defendant's brother, causing losses to another company of more than Rb3 million, and organized the transfer to his brother's company of two plots of land, causing losses to the local budget of Rb1 million)	3.5-year prison sentence
June	Kareliya	Head of the Zaozersk district administration	Bribe-taking (demanded Rb300,000 from a private individual for the allocation of a	3.5-year prison sentence and 3-year ban on employment in state service

			plot of land)	
		Former head of the Main Investigative Administration of the Investigative Committee of the Federal General Prosecutor's Office	Exceeding official powers and bribe-taking (received more than €750,000 from a well-known businessman)	9-year prison sentence (hard labour) and Rb800,000 fine
July	Yaroslavl	Former head of Rybinsk municipal council	Misuse of budget funds (totalling Rb1 million) and bribe-taking (to the tune of Rb1 million from a local businessman)	7.5-year prison sentence (hard labour)
	Magadan	Former head of the criminal investigation department of the Yagodninsk district police	Exceeding official powers and illegal possession of precious metals (industrial gold worth Rb859,000 stolen by an employee of a local company)	5-year prison sentence and Rb250,000 fine
	Yaroslavl	Former public prosecutor	Bribe-taking (received Rb360,000 from the local owner of an amusement arcade for returning slot machines confiscated by local police)	8-year prison sentence (hard labour)
	Nizhny Novgorod	Former head of the regional branch of the police department for fighting crimes against consumers	Bribe-taking and swindling (received more than Rb660,000 in bribes from local companies)	8-year prison sentence (hard labour), Rb500,000 fine and 3-year ban on employment in state and municipal service
August	Tyumen	Deputy head and chief accountant of the municipal social security office	Swindling (misappropriated budget funds totalling Rb1.4 million earmarked for one-off payments to unemployed mothers)	6.5-year and 5.5 year prison sentences and Rb105,000 and Rb55,000 fines, respectively
September	Irkutsk	Former head of the public security police of the Kazachinsk-	Attempted extortion (tried to persuade the founder of a local	5.5-year prison sentence (hard labour)

		Lensk district	firm to sign over 25% of the firm's starting capital to the defendant's wife in return for protection and a licence)	
	Lipetsk	Deputy head of the regional branch of the Federal Tax Service	Bribe-taking (received Rb6 million out of an agreed Rb22 million in bribes from a local company)	9-year prison sentence (hard labour)
October	Altai	Former director and deputy director of the regional branch of the Federal Property Fund	Bribe-taking (received bribes "on a large scale" and to the tune of Rb400,000, respectively, from companies authorized to sell property confiscated by the state)	8-year and 3-year prison sentences (hard labour), respectively
	Chuvashiya	Deputy head of the Mariinsky-Posad municipal administration	Swindling (misappropriated funds intended to house families in need; sum not mentioned)	4-year prison sentence, 3-year ban on employment in state or municipal service and Rb10,000 fine
	Magadan	Former head of the criminal police of the Olsk district department of the interior	Exceeding official powers (illegal procurement of salmon worth Rb1.8 million)	2.5-year prison sentence, 3-year ban on employment in the state service, local government and law-enforcement agencies
	Moscow	Head of the Tver District Engineering Service	Swindling (received Rb424,000 to sign documents awarding state contracts)	8-year prison sentence (hard labour) and 3-year ban on holding office

Table 2: Officials who received suspended prison sentences and/or other punishments, January-October 2009

Month	City/region	Post held by the defendant(s)	Crime(s) for which convicted	Punishment
January	Udmurtiya	Deputy of the Lozinskoe municipal assembly	Exceeding official powers (in the capacity of forest warden, allotted plots for felling trees in a forested area where felling is banned, causing losses to the state of Rb113,000)	2-year suspended sentence (defendant appealing)
	Krasnodar	First deputy head of Mostov district administration	Swindling (demanded Rb250,000 from a local entrepreneur for signing agreements on leasing plots of land)	2-year suspended sentence
	Komi	Former chief of staff of the head of the republic's administration	Exceeding official authority (on behalf of the head of the republic, signed a contract worth Rb4 million on providing protection for the first deputy head of the republic)	3-year suspended sentence and 3-year ban on employment in state service
February	Saratov	Deputy of the Saratov municipal assembly	Bribery (as head of a local retail company attempted to give bribes totalling Rb4 million to an employee of the local public prosecutor's office)	7-month prison sentence (freed after trial because of time served in pre-trial detention)
	Smolensk	Head of the regional branch of the Federal Prison Service	Exceeding official powers and causing substantial losses to the state (diverted Rb1.3 million in state funds to acquire an apartment)	4-year suspended sentence
April	Kemerovo	Head of a local tax inspectorate	Swindling and forgery (to the tune of	5-year suspended sentence and

			Rb300,000)	three-year ban on employment in state service
	Volgograd	Former head of the district police department for fighting economic crimes	Abuse of office (accepting bribes totalling Rb250,000)	3-year suspended sentence and 2-year ban on employment in law-enforcement agencies
	Komi	Former head of the Usinsk traffic police	Exceeding official powers and illegal entrepreneurial activities (misappropriation of funds totalling Rb6.7 million)	3.5-year ban on employment in state service and a Rb30,000 fine.
	Irkutsk	Deputy of Mamsk-Chuisk district	Negligence (signed off on the transfer of federal funds totalling Rb2.7 million to a construction company that carried out apartment house repairs costing only Rb100,000)	Rb50,000 fine
May	Kemerovo	Chief architect of the Novokuznetsk municipal administration	Exceeding official powers (certified that nine apartments from the 1960-70s were new builds, causing losses to a private individual of Rb11.5 million)	3-year suspended prison sentence and 3-year ban on employment in state service
June	Udmurtiya	Police inspector of the Zavyalov district	Bribe-taking (sum not mentioned)	3-year suspended prison sentence
	Bryansk	Deputy of the Novozybkov municipal council	Bribe-taking and fraud (in the capacity of physician; sum not mentioned)	3.5-year suspended prison sentence and 2-year ban on employment in local government
	Udmurtiya	Deputy head of the regional customs service	Bribery (attempted to bribe an official of the regional special security department to the tune of Rb25,000)	2-year suspended sentence
	Lipetsk	Head of the Terbun local	Bribe-taking (accepted)	5-year suspended prison

		administration	Rb55,000 from a construction company for signing a quality control document for road repairs)	sentence and 1.5 year ban on employment in state service and local government
		Deputy head of the inspectorate of the Department for the Oversight of Business Affairs of the Federal Ministry of Justice	Bribe-taking (bribe received in the form of a souvenir knife worth Rb25,000)	3-year suspended prison sentence and 1-year ban on holding office
	Moscow region	Head of the Rogov-Podolsk local administration	Exceeding official powers (received Rb4.8 million earmarked for social purposes in return for services rendered)	Rb300,000 fine
	Khanty-Mansiisk	Head of the Ugut local administration	Exceeding official powers (evicted families from communal housing to resettle others)	3-year suspended prison sentence
	Moscow region	Head of the Rogov-Podolsk local administration	Exceeding official powers (received Rb4.8 million earmarked for social purposes in return for services rendered)	Rb300,000 fine
July	Kareliya	Former head of the Lakhdenpokhsk municipal district	Exceeding official powers (demanded payments from applicants for plots of land on the local territory) and failure to implement a court ruling	6-year suspended prison sentence and ban on employment in municipal service
August	Komi	Former head of the Kosyu local administration	Abuse of office and fraud	2-year suspended prison sentence
September	Penza	Head of the Reshetinsk district administration	Swindling, fraud and money laundering (received federal budget subsidies for livestock that the defendant did not own)	2.5-year suspended prison sentence

	Orenburg	Head of the Akbulak district administration	Abuse of office (used regional funds totalling Rb1 million to build a house on a plot of land that the defendant had allotted to himself)	2-year suspended prison sentence and 2.5 year ban on employment in state or municipal service
October	Orenburg	Head of the Novomusinsk district administration	Bribe-taking (demanded Rb20,000 from a local satellite television company in return for protection) and swindling	6-year suspended sentence
	Novgorod	Head of the Demyansk municipal council	Exceeding official powers (awarded a friend a municipal contract, without tender, worth Rb300,000)	Rb100,000 fine and 1-year ban on employment in local government
	Novogorod	Former deputy head of the regional branch of the Federal Drugs Control Service	Swindling (misappropriation of funds totalling Rb18,500)	Rb220,000 fine
	Udmurtiya	Head of the culture department of the of the Votkinsk district administration	Embezzlement (to the tune of Rb30,000)	1.5 year ban on employment in state or municipal service
	Kareliya	Head of the Kharlussk district administration	Bribe-taking (received Rb350,000 to help a private individual receive a municipal apartment and Rb250,000 from applicants for plots of land)	5.5-year suspended prison sentence, 3-year ban on employment in organs of state power and Rb300,000 fine
	Perm	Head of the Lysva municipal administration	Abuse of office (transfer of municipal property [water pumps and pipes] to a private company, causing losses to the municipal budget of more than Rb13 million)	4-year suspended sentence and 3-year ban on holding office

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