

# Campaign against Kremlin critics

Russian opposition leader **Alexei Navalny** (right) is gravely ill and in intensive care after apparently being poisoned. If confirmed, it would be the latest in a series of attacks on Kremlin critics



■ **Jul 2006:** Russian parliament approves law which authorises President **Vladimir Putin** – alone, and without consultation – to carry out targeted killings on foreign soil of “terrorists and extremists.” **Category includes Kremlin critics**



■ **Nov 2006, Alexander Litvinenko:** Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) defector and fierce critic of Kremlin. **Killed with radioactive polonium-210 in London**

■ **Jan 2007, Yuri Golubev:** Co-founder of Russian oil giant, Yukos. Golubev’s plan, to sell share of newly-merged YukosSibneft to two U.S. oil companies, seen as treason. **Golubev dies after returning to London from China via Moscow**

■ **Feb 2008, Badri Patarkatsishvili:** Closest confidant and business partner of Kremlin critic, **Boris Berezovsky**. Dies suddenly in his Surrey home two months after notifying Scotland Yard of assassination plot against him



■ **Aug 2010, Gareth Williams:** Police find the body of GCHQ analyst in padlocked sports bag in his London flat. **Williams was investigating Russian money laundering**

■ **Nov 2010, Paul Castle:** Property mogul and confidant of Berezovsky. **Killed by train at London’s Bond Street station after falling foul of Russian-linked crime gang**

■ **Nov 2012, Alexander Perepilichnyy:** Russian financier who exposed \$230 million, state-sanctioned, money-laundering scheme. Collapses while jogging near his luxury home in Surrey, UK. **Pathologists find traces of rare and deadly poison from gelsemium plant in his stomach**

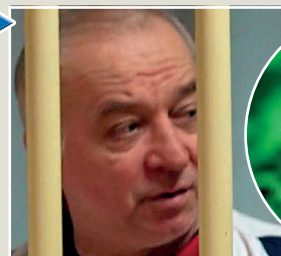
■ **Mar 2013, Boris Berezovsky:** Former Kremlin power broker – who went into self-imposed exile in UK after opposing Putin – is found dead at Sunninghill home, hanging from shower rail. **Marks on his neck suggest he likely had been strangled**



■ **Nov 2015, Mikhail Lesin:** Founder of Russia Today TV network beaten to death in hotel in Washington DC in U.S. after falling out of favour with Kremlin elite

■ **May 2016, Matthew Puncher:** British scientist who identified fatal dose of radioactive polonium used in Litvinenko assassination is stabbed to death at his home in Oxford

■ **Mar 2018, Sergei Skripal:** Former Russian double agent for British intelligence, and his daughter, **Yulia**, survive poison attack in Salisbury, UK, with Soviet-designed Novichok nerve agent. **Two members of Russia’s Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU) – are accused of attempted murder**



■ **Aug 2019, Zelimkhan Khangoshvili:** Former Chechen rebel commander gunned down while walking through Berlin park, Germany. **Russian citizen linked to GRU charged with murder**

■ **Aug 22, 2020, Alexei Navalny:** Flown by air ambulance to Germany for treatment, two days after he fell ill on flight to Moscow

