

Sudden Russian death syndrome

Dozens of prominent Russians, many in the finance, energy and infrastructure sectors, have died in dubious circumstances since 2022 – fuelling speculation of Kremlin involvement

SUSPICIOUS DEATHS

Jan 2022–
Jul 2025



Sep 1, 2022: **Ravil Maganov** (67)
Chairman of national oil company **Lukoil**

Cause: Fell out of hospital window



Aug 23, 2023: **Yevgeny Prigozhin** (62)
Russian oligarch and leader of mercenary **Wagner Group**

Cause: Plane crash



Jul 4, 2023: **Aleksey Avramenko** (46)
Belarus Minister of Transport and Communications

Cause: Died suddenly



Jul 4, 2025: **Andrei Badalov** (62). Vice-president of **Transneft**

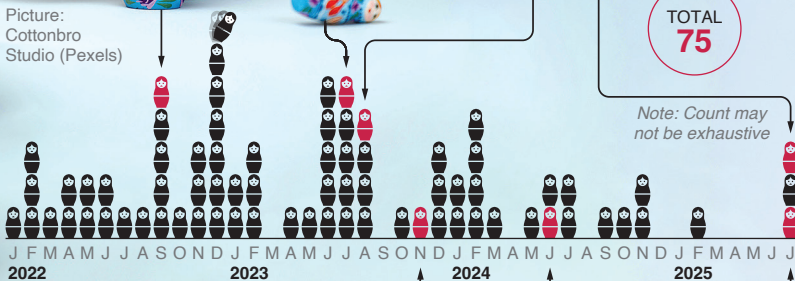
Cause: Fell from his apartment



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TOTAL
75

Note: Count may not be exhaustive



Nov 2023: **Vladimir Sviridov** (68)
Former air commander

and **Putin** critic
Cause: He and wife found dead at home



Jun 5, 2024: **Natalia Larina** (50). Former Moscow judge involved in high-

profile political cases
Cause: Fell out of her apartment window



Jul 7, 2025: **Roman Starovoyt** (53)
Russian Minister of Transport,

dismissed same day by Putin
Cause: Shot himself in his car