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Russia's Sibneft Hits Back at Sibir Energy's \$2Bln Claim



Sibneft Oil Company, owned by billionaire Roman Abramovich, has taken reciprocal action against the British Sibir Energy which has accused the Russian oil major of stealing assets worth up to \$2 billion.

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Russia's Biggest Spammer Brutally Murdered in Apartment

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Vardan Kushnir, notorious for sending spam to each and every citizen of Russia who appeared to have an e-mail, was found dead in his Moscow apartment on Sunday, Interfax reported Monday. He died after suffering repeated blows to the head.

Kushnir, 35, headed the English learning centers the Center for American English, the New York English Centre and the Centre for Spoken English, all known to have aggressive Internet advertising policies in which millions of e-mails were sent every day.

In the past angry Internet users have targeted the American English centre by publishing the Center's telephone numbers anywhere on the Web to provoke telephone calls. The Center's telephone was advertised as a contact number for cheap sex services, or bargain real estate sales.

Another attack involved hundreds of people making phone calls to the American English Center and sending it numerous e-mails back, but Vardan Kushnir remained sure of his right to spam, saying it was what e-mails were for.

Under Russian law, spamming is not considered illegal, although lawmakers are working on legal projects that could protect Russian

FEATURE

YULIA TARATUTA
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Russian Military Makes Drastic Cuts in Education Choices



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Putin Faces "Heroes' Revolution" over Social Reforms



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COMMENTARY

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