



CHECHNYA PEACE FORUM

PRESS STATEMENT

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DOMODEDEVO BOMBING AN EXAMPLE OF FAILURE IN RUSSIA

In reaction to the bomb attack at Domodedovo Airport in Moscow on Monday 24th January 2011, Ivar Amundsen, Director of the Chechnya Peace Forum, said:

“On behalf of the Chechnya Peace Forum I condemn in the strongest terms the heinous suicide terrorist attack on innocent civilians at the Domodedovo International airport in Moscow yesterday that killed 35 and wounded many scores more, and I wish to express my personal condolences to all those who have lost their loved ones.

This merciless act of terror is yet another tragic example of the complete failure of Russia’s policies and the lamentable direction of Russian society. Rather than building a Russia which upholds the rule of law and provides democracy with civil liberties the regime – headed by prime minister Putin and his protégé president Medvedev – run this vast country with an authoritarian and oppressive kleptocracy. The result is that Russia sinks into a state of criminality, corruption, mafia banditry and terrorism – a true gangster state.

We must ensure that those who are really behind this and other, depressingly regular, terrorist attacks are found out and brought to justice.”

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Notes to editors:

1. Ivar Amundsen is Director of the Chechnya Peace Forum, a human rights organisation based in London which seeks to promote the cause of democracy and human rights in Chechnya by bringing the humanitarian crisis there to greater international attention.