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RUSSIAN COURT REVERSES RULING RECOGNIZING MUSLIM BOOK AS EXTREMIST

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The initial verdict brought critical comments from Russian Muslims because the banned parts were actually abstracts from the Koran. The head of the Chechen Republic, Ramzan Kadyrov, even demanded that the Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk judge and prosecutors be brought to justice for insulting the holy book and thus inciting religious hatred.(RT)

'This is a landmark ruling. This is a victory of the whole global community. In their statement prosecutors questioned the quotes from the Koran, but every Muslim says the words of a prayer at least 17 times. Does this make every Muslim an extremist 17 times a day?' Ramzan Kadyrov´s representative Said-Magomed Chapanov said in comments to TASS. 'Banning Suras from the Koran is like banning a Christian from reciting “˜The Lord´s Prayer´,' he added.

Russian President Vladimir Putin drafted a set of amendments to the 2002 Law on Countering Terrorism that classify all holy books and sacred texts from Russia´s four established religions as exempt from any probes for extremism.

'Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism are an inseparable part of the historic legacy of the peoples who inhabit Russia. Thus the Bible, Koran, Tanakh, and Kangyur, their contents and their quotes cannot be classed as extremist materials,' reads the explanatory note attached to the bill.

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