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## Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis on the murder of Natalia Estemirova

Strasbourg, 15.07.2009 - "Everyone in Europe will be deeply shocked by the murder of another human rights activist in Russia. How many more Natalia Estemirovas and Anna Politkovskayas must be killed before the Russian authorities protect people who stand up for the human rights of Russian citizens?"

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