

Islam Watch

Russia Bans Islamic Books Deemed Dangerous To Society

Russia has banned Islamic books deemed too dangerous for society. The literature includes *Fortress of the Muslim*, which consists of “supplications” of the Prophet Muhammad collected by ancient Muslim scholar Saeed bin Ali bin Wahf Al-Qahtani, and a certain *biography of Muhammad* has also been banned.

“A number of popular Islamic books, including books used in religious schools, that were deemed legal under Ukrainian law, are now banned according to Russian law. In this context, Russian authorities continue targeting Muslims in Crimea, where madrassas (Islamic religious schools) and the homes of common Crimean Tatars are being searched for the banned literature.

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Three madrassas were searched during August 13 [2014], ahead of Russia’s Federal List of Extremist Materials law that will come into force in 2015 that bans a number of popular Islamic books.