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## Russia: Jehovah's Witness Acquitted of Incitement

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A Jehovah's Witness charged in connection with distributing religious literature was found not guilty of "inciting religious hatred and enmity" on Thursday after a six-month trial in the Siberian city of Gorno-Altai. The defendant, Aleksandr Kalistratov, said he hoped the verdict "will be useful for my fellow believers, who continue to be persecuted in [Russia](#)." Nearly a dozen other cases are being pursued against Jehovah's Witnesses in Russia.

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