

## **Putin accuses British anti-corruption campaigner Browder of three murders** **World**

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**Allegations seen as latest attempt to discredit hedge fund manager who has led global campaign for justice in the death of lawyer Sergei Magnitsky Bill Browder: 'Putin is so rattled by the Magnitsky sanctions that he has completely lost touch with reality.'**  
**Photograph: Richard Saker for the Observer**

By [Mark Townsend](#) for The Observer, Nov 19, 2017 The Russian president, [Vladimir Putin](#), has accused prominent British businessman Bill Browder of being a 'serial killer' – the latest extraordinary attempt by the Kremlin to frame one of its most high-profile public enemies. Court documents seen by the *Observer* reveal that Russian state investigators have named Browder, a London-based hedge fund manager, as the suspect behind the mysterious murders of three men. All three deaths are linked to a £174m fraud believed to have involved Russian officials – a crime that was uncovered by Browder's Russian lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, in 2008. Magnitsky was subsequently imprisoned on charges widely considered to be false, and died in jail amid claims he was tortured. Browder, once the largest foreign portfolio investor in [Russia](#), has infuriated Putin by lobbying western governments to punish those responsible for Magnitsky's death. A number of countries have imposed sanctions on individuals believed to be involved. Drawn up by the Russian state's powerful investigative committee, the court papers reveal that the three dead men are linked to the massive tax-fraud scheme in Russia discovered by Magnitsky, but name Browder – described as a 'citizen of the UK' – as responsible for their deaths. The documents, which contain details of the investigation into the murders, which happened in the aftermath of the fraud, state: 'The determination of the circumstances of death of victims is directly connected with the examination of facts of commitment [sic] by Browder.' [hellip;] [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017 ... mpaigner-sergei-magnitsky](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017...mpaigner-sergei-magnitsky)