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The daughter of Uzbekistan's late president Islam Karimov has been sent to prison for her role in an \$866 million telecom bribery and money laundering scheme.



" Bekhzod Akhmedov, the former head of MTS Uzbek subsidiary Uzdurobita, was charged with two counts of violating the FCPA, one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA, and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. According to the DOJ, Karimova demanded "hundreds of millions" in bribes from Telia, Vimpelcom, and MTS to acquire telecom licenses in Uzbekistan. At the time, her father, the late Islam Karimov, was the president of Uzbekistan."

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Russian Mobile Telesystems Pjsc (MTS) and its Uzbek subsidiary enter into resolutions of \$850 million with the Department of Justice for paying bribes in Uzbekistan.



" MTS agreed to the SEC's order finding that it violated the anti-bribery, books and records, and internal accounting controls provisions of the FCPA and will pay a \$100 million penalty to the SEC. MTS and a subsidiary also entered into a deferred prosecution agreement with the DOJ. The subsidiary pleaded guilty in federal court."

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Royal Dutch Shell PLC is expected to face prosecution in the Netherlands on criminal charges connected to a 2011 Nigerian oil deal, the company said, the latest twist in one of the oil industry's biggest bribery scandals.



"A trial in the Netherlands would mark a significant expansion of the corruption case, and risk damaging Shell's reputation as a major player in the global oil business. The legal woes might also further complicate Shell's operations in Nigeria, where for years it has been a major producer of oil and gas."

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