

Bulgaria soccer club boss killed in Sofia

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SOFIA, Bulgaria - Police said a 45-year-old Bulgarian soccer club chairman was killed in a residential district of Sofia, media reported Monday.

Alexander Tasev, who had been shot twice in the head, was found Monday morning. He was identified as chairman of Bulgaria's premier soccer league club Lokomotiv Plovdiv, the Bulgarian news agency BTA reported.

Tassev, 45, was the third chairman of the club killed in three years.

He was reportedly involved in businesses including food industry, fuels, retail sale and entertainment.

BTA quoted unofficial reports saying Tasev maintained close links with drug traffickers.

Georgy Iliev, the previous owner of the Lokomotiv Plovdiv club was killed by a sniper at a Black Sea resort about a year ago. Police linked Iliev's killing with feuds between drug trafficking rings, the Bulgarian news agency SNA said.

Iliev's predecessor Nikolai Popov, was killed in Sofia a few months before Iliev's death, the Bulgarian news network BNN said.

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