

We call for a firm and immediate response from all the world's Kyokushin Karate organizations to deprive Vladimir Putin of honor to have the Black belt.

The reason for the shame for all karatekas is the fact that a war criminal who is about to be tried and convicted for genocide wears a black belt and bears the title shihana.

Shihan [síhan; jap.] – is a honorary title awarded to masters and great teachers of martial arts (meaning: "teacher", "master"). This is a Japanese honorary title (used as a suffix and a noun) when addressed to members of parliament, teachers, professors, lawyers, doctors, politicians, artists, writers and people who have achieved outstanding success. Such a person, of course, is not the current President of Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, who does not understand that having a black belt does not mean that you are invincible. In some sense, Karate is a philosophy because it is based on values, principles and ethics. The Busido Samurai Code has influenced a lot the modern art of Kyokushin Karate and has created the basic ethical goals of this martial art, making it a way of life for millions of people all over the world. On the obelisk in the Enkaku-ji Temple, in memory of the creator of modern karate, there is an inscription: Karate ni sente nashi (Karate is not the art of aggression) ...

Based on the above, we appeal to all practitioners of Kyokushin Karate in all organizations to condemn the shameful actions of Vladimir Putin and symbolically deprive him the 8th Dan of Kyokushin Karate. This noble martial art does not deserve shame from a man without any principles.

A person for whom human life is doesn't have any value. A ruthless man with a psychopathic personality. A murderer with the blood of innocent people on his hands. A coward who kills women and children.

Vladimir Putin received an honorary degree "for his services to karate Kyokushin in the world" ... Now he should be immediately deprived of the honor of wearing a black belt.

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