PANNONI, Hungary (AP) — The Hungarian government has decided to expel the Russian ambassador over his recent comments that the country is not responsible for the death of a Hungarian journalist in Serbia.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said in a statement that the government will expel Russian Ambassador Alexander Zasypkin, who was visiting Serbia when the journalist, Zoltan Galambos, was killed in a shooting.

Szijjarto said the government's decision is based on the principle of reciprocity, which means that countries must respond to actions taken by other countries.

Zasypkin was accredited as the Russian ambassador to Hungary in 2019.

The Hungarian government's decision comes after Serbian authorities charged two Russian citizens with the murder of Galambos, who was a reporter for the pro-government outlet Sputnik.

Galambos was shot to death in a street in the city of Belgrade on Saturday, while he was covering the protest against the government of Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic.

The murder has sparked outrage in Hungary, with many calling for the expulsion of Zasypkin.

The Hungarian government has previously expressed concerns that Russia is not doing enough to investigate the murder and bring the凶手s to justice.

Zasypkin has denied any involvement in the murder and has expressed sympathy for the family of Galambos.

The murder of Galambos comes amid growing tensions between Hungary and Russia, with the two countries often at odds over issues such as the Russian media's coverage of Hungarian politics.

Hungary is a key ally of the United States in Central Europe and has been a vocal critic of Russia's actions in the region.

The Hungarian government has previously expressed concerns about Russian interference in Hungarian elections and has been critical of the Kremlin's support for far-right and nationalist parties in neighboring countries.

Despite the tension, Hungarian officials have also expressed a desire to maintain good relations with Russia, which is a major energy supplier to Hungary.

The Hungarian government has said it expects Zasypkin to leave Hungary within the next week.