

Medvedev 'Bored to Death'

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President Dmitry Medvedev told ministers he was “bored to death” by reports that boast of accomplishments and avoid mentioning problems, Kommersant reported Friday.

Medvedev complained that projects listed as achievements by Regional Development Minister Viktor Basargin had been started even before he became president in 2008, the newspaper said, citing a Kremlin meeting on “priority national projects” on Thursday.

The president also criticized Agriculture Minister Yelena Skrynnik for trying to start her report with positive news and quizzed her on the need for the Russian Agriculture Academy if it does not focus on applied sciences, asking: “What do they study? Questions of life in the universe?”

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