

Intel, Daimler Dismayed

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Intel and Daimler may sever links to a government-backed youth camp at Lake Seliger after the likenesses of former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and other Russia critics were impaled on stakes at the event.

Photos from the annual forum were published last week by the Novaya Gazeta newspaper.

"We don't like it when somebody tries to drag our activities under their political banners," said Mikhail Rybakov, a local spokesman for Intel. The company wasn't aware of the "political component" of the July forum, he said Friday.

"If we do act as a sponsor again, we will demand that the organizer provides an appropriate commitment that there will be no more extreme political actions," said Nicole Kicherer, a spokeswoman for Daimler.

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