

New Elite Cemetery

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A new cemetery for famous politicians, artists, scientists and prominent public figures will be created in a nature reserve in western Moscow by 2012, a City Hall source told Interfax on Tuesday.

The planned necropolis, adjacent to the existing Troyekurovskoye Cemetery, will occupy 4.3 hectares on Ryabinovaya Ulitsa, the source said, adding that City Hall and the federal government would jointly finance the project.

Most Soviet-era leaders, including Josef Stalin, Leonid Brezhnev and Yury Andropov, are buried by the Kremlin wall. The city's two most famous cemeteries, Novodevichye and Vagankovskoye, are also reserved for high-profile people. ☒

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