

No Raises for Officials

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The State Duma has decided to freeze yearly salary hikes for officials while keeping regular raises for other state employees through 2014, Nezavisimaya Gazeta reported Monday.

But analysts said the freeze, first implemented this year, would not affect the living standards of most officials because the state will continue to finance their lucrative perks, including travel discounts, transportation and communication services and medical insurance.

Next year's draft budget includes a 6.5 percent raise for state employees, but the actual raise for school and college teachers will be smaller, and doctors will face salary cuts, the newspaper said. ☒

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