

Triumfalnaya Rally Dispute

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A City Hall offer to allow a weekend opposition rally on Triumfalnaya Ploshchad if the number of participants is cut from 1,500 to 800 has caused a split in activists' ranks, Interfax reported Tuesday.

Rights champion Lyudmila Alexeyeva, one of the rally organizers, agreed to City Hall's provisions, but co-organizer Eduard Limonov said Tuesday that he would no longer cooperate with her.

Limonov called Alexeyeva's decision a "Munich Agreement" — a reference to the Allies' 1938 decision to give Nazi Germany a slice of Czechoslovakia without Czechoslovakia's consent. He said he would stage a separate rally at the square Sunday. Alexeyeva said Limonov was still welcome to join the sanctioned rally.

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