

Foreigners Eye Moscow Airport

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Foreign airport operators are showing interest in the management of Sheremetyevo International Airport, Transportation Minister Igor Levitin said Thursday.

"An assessment is underway of Terminal D and Sheremetyevo's assets," he said.

Levitin said an expert estimate had shown that it is impossible to separate the management of Sheremetyevo and Terminal D. "The experience this winter has shown that," he said.

A managing company will be brought in for the combined asset after a total assessment is completed, Levitin said. "Major European operators and from Southeast Asia [the operator of the Singapore airport] have been in contact, as well as American operators," he said.

Levitin also said the main fault of Aeroflot's management during the mass flight delays from Dec. 26 to 29 was its inability to make temporary flight schedules, even though they had aircraft and crews.

The minister said, "This matter will be considered at the next board of directors meeting."

Levitin also said that although foreign airlines had delays, in contrast to Aeroflot, they gave their passengers objective information.

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