

# Alexeyeva's Rally Approved

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City Hall on Wednesday rejected a request by opposition leader Eduard Limonov to hold a rally on Moscow's Triumfalnaya Ploshchad on Jan. 31 while authorizing events by rights veteran

Lyudmila Alexeyeva and the pro-Kremlin Young Guard youth group.

A spokesman for Limonov's Other Russia coalition said City Hall proposed alternative venues for the event, Interfax reported. But Limonov said he would still lead his supporters to the square.

Alexeyeva and Limonov wanted to stage separate rallies in the square to draw attention to Article 31 of the Constitution granting freedom of assembly. They used to co-organize a single event but had a falling-out in October.

Limonov was detained ahead of a similar unsanctioned rally in December and sentenced to 15 days in prison. ☒

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