

Medvedev Fires 6 Police Generals

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President Dmitry Medvedev fired six police generals, the Kremlin <u>said</u> Monday, without elaborating on the reason for the dismissals.

Among those fired were the chiefs of the Tver and Tambov regional police and the heads of two Interior Ministry colleges. The last two served at the Interior Ministry's anti-extremism department and the traffic police department for the North Caucasus Federal District.

The Tambov region police chief, Vladimir Fursov, filed his resignation in January, citing health problems, the Interior Ministry's press service told Interfax. The traffic police general, Igor Zhukov, submitted his notice last month, citing unspecified "personal circumstances," a source in his department told Interfax.

No replacements were appointed Monday.

All police officers are to pass re-evaluations by June under a sweeping police reform in force since March 1. Kremlin chief of staff Sergei Naryshkin, who is in charge of the re-evaluations, said last week that some of the 170 senior officers who have taken the test failed it. He did not

give any names.

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