

400 Homebuyers Rally

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About 400 property investors who claim to have been cheated out of thousands of dollars by developers who have still not yet built apartments for them rallied Saturday outside the White House in Moscow.

The brief, unauthorized protest near the office of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin ended amicably when police persuaded the demonstrators that their message had been heard.

News agencies later reported the arrest of the protest's organizer. The Constitution allows free assembly, but authorities say they require prior notice.

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