

Nationalists to Hold Anti-Migrant Rally on Saturday

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A group of Russian nationalists is to hold an anti-migrant rally on Saturday as a part of a new campaign titled "Stop Feeding the Caucasus."

Two nationalist movements — the Russian Civil Union and Russian Public Movement, which have united as the Russian Platform — announced Wednesday that they were launching the campaign to protest the government's economic policy toward the North Caucasus republics, the organization said in a statement.

"Financing of the aggressive Caucasus is held at the expense of the Russian regions that are peaceful and obedient to the law," the statement said, calling on the government to reduce financial support for the Caucasus republics.

Meanwhile, Kommersant reported Thursday that the Finance Ministry plans to reduce budget spending in the North Caucasus from 17,700 rubles (\$553) to 11,900 (\$371) per capita, while the biggest subsidies will be for the Sakha republic, with 50,000 rubles (\$1,500) per capita because of the tough weather conditions in the Far North.

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