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24 Held at Anti-Putin Rally

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Moscow riot police brutally dispersed an opposition protest on Tuesday, minutes after activists formed a chain and started chanting slogans against Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

Protesters also tried to unfurl banners criticizing upcoming parliamentary and presidential elections.

Police were seen twisting protesters' arms and forcing them into police vans.

Twenty-four people were detained, police spokesman Gennady Bugachyov said.

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