

# Putin to 'Smash' Faces

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Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, already in campaign mode for a third term as president, said fraudsters who siphon off state money should have their faces smashed.

"The practitioners of kickbacks and graft should not only get a rap on the knuckles, they should have their faces smashed," Putin told an audience of financial police officers.

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