

Hints Youth Head May Be Replaced

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Federal Youth Agency head Vasily Yakemenko, known for his role in founding the pro-Kremlin youth group Nashi, might be replaced in his position by someone younger, a ministry boss said Wednesday.

"Youth organizations should be led by young people. We don't want to jump ahead, but there are many candidates," said Sports, Tourism and Youth Politics Minister Vitaly Mutko, according to Interfax.

Yakemenko is set to turn 40 later this year. He has led the youth agency since 2007.

Yakemenko recently became the subject of a scandal regarding e-mails of his that were leaked last week, allegedly by the hacker group Anonymous.

The e-mails detail Yakemenko's search for a pricey apartment and lavish spending by his agency on youth projects.

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