

## Public Rallies

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### [Putin Rally Raises Bar for Opponents](#)

*24 February 2012*

By Jonathan Earle and Alexander Bratersky

In a show of strength and administrative muscle that for its sheer size upped the ante for street protests, Prime Minister and presidential hopeful Vladimir Putin declared himself a true patriot to tens of thousands of people at Luzhniki stadium on Thursday and promised to fight for Russia.

### [Garden Ring Hosts Opposing Rallies](#)

*20 February 2012*

By Nikolaus von Twickel

Two weeks before the March 4 presidential election, supporters and critics of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin came out on foot, in cars and even on ice skates.

### [Bureaucrats Block Protesting Lego Men](#)

*16 February 2012*

By Ezekiel Pfeifer

Unprecedented protests have been held across Russia in recent months at which tens of

thousands of demonstrators have been allowed to verbally lambaste the government.

### [Opposition Plans 'Farewell to Political Winter' Rally](#)

*14 February 2012*

Members of the political opposition put in an application Monday to hold a rally on Feb. 26 called "Farewell to the Political Winter" on Ploshchad Revolyutsii next to the Kremlin, RIA-Novosti reported.

### [Pro-Putin March Plan For Feb. 23](#)

*10 February 2012*

Supporters of presidential candidate Vladimir Putin plan to hold a march Feb. 23 and expect that 200,000 people will come — including even the prime minister himself, officials with his campaign said Thursday.

### [Rallies Ushering Out Business as Usual](#)

*07 February 2012*

By Anatoly Medetsky and Howard Amos

A record turnout at the weekend's opposition rally prompted economists Monday to predict a longer period of political uncertainty for business and the chance of a runoff in the presidential election.

### [Protest Fever Stays High Despite Cold](#)

*06 February 2012*

By Alexander Bratersky

Bone-chilling cold did little to lessen the spirit of protesters calling for political reform as tens of thousands took to the streets of Moscow on Saturday in a show of strength that does not appear to have diminished.

### [Thousands Rally as Political Forces Vie for Advantage](#)

*04 February 2012*

By Alec Luhn and Ezekiel Pfeifer

On a day when temperatures dipped as low as minus 19 C, tens of thousands bundled up to attend two main events in different parts of the city: an opposition march from Kaluzhskaya Ploshchad to Bolotnaya Ploshchad and an "anti-orange" rally at Poklonnaya Gora in support of Putin.

### [Hundreds of Drivers Call for Fair Elections](#)

*30 January 2012*

Hundreds of cars with white ribbons, banners and balloons drove around Moscow's Garden Ring Road on Sunday afternoon to demand fair elections and urge Prime Minister Vladimir Putin to step down.

### [Thousands Rally for Putin's Bid](#)

*30 January 2012*

YEKATERINBURG — Thousands of supporters of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin rallied Saturday to back his bid to return to the Kremlin, a week before what are likely to be far larger opposition protests to demand greater political choice.

## [Opposition Faces Rival Feb. 4 Rallies](#)

*27 January 2012*

By Jonathan Earle

After weeks of haggling, City Hall and the opposition struck a compromise deal early Thursday that would allow tens of thousands of protesters to march in central Moscow on Feb. 4. But the event might face competition from other demonstrations, including a pro-Kremlin counter-rally.

## [Medvedev Tightens Rules For Rallies Near Kremlin](#)

*12 January 2012*

President Dmitry Medvedev has added a spot outside the Kremlin to a list of places requiring presidential permission for public events — likely making it off-limits for any kind of opposition protest, RIA-Novosti reported Wednesday.

## [Rally Suggests Protest Mood Is Growing](#)

*24 December 2011*

By Alexander Bratersky and Natalya Krainova

The holiday mood, winter chill and end-of-the-year fatigue failed to dampen the country's newfound political activism, with a protest on Moscow's Prospekt Akademika Sakharova on Saturday garnering more people than its Dec. 10 predecessor on Bolotnaya Ploshchad.

## [Leaks Target Nemtsov Before Rally](#)

*20 December 2011*

By Alexander Bratersky

Days before a Moscow opposition protest that is expected to attract tens of thousands of people, a pro-Kremlin tabloid has leaked the private phone conversations of one of the rally's main organizers, Boris Nemtsov, who happened to mince no words in describing other protest leaders.

## [Putin Assails U.S. and Protesters](#)

*16 December 2011*

By Nikolaus von Twickel

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin ridiculed opposition protesters, assailed the United States and hinted at further political reform in a traditional televised call-in show Thursday that bore all the hallmarks of a presidential campaign speech.

## [Surprise Exam Has Political Message](#)

*13 December 2011*

The last-minute test thousands of Russian children were suddenly required to take on the day of the biggest anti-government rallies in years contained political messages, revealed examples from some exams that have appeared on the Internet.

## [State TV Puts Neutral Spin on Duma Vote Protests](#)

*13 December 2011*

By Alexandra Odynova

Much to the surprise of observers and regular Russian television viewers, state-run channels gave substantial coverage to Saturday's anti-government rallies in Moscow and other cities

— even if they still managed to present the protests as insignificant, apolitical events.

### [Thousands at Pro-Kremlin Rally](#)

*13 December 2011*

Two days after a record protest rally in Moscow, the ruling United Russia party staged its own demonstration in the capital, but insisted that it was not a reaction to the opposition's event.

### [Protest Called Amazing, What's Next?](#)

*12 December 2011*

By Alexandra Odynova

Saturday's rally in Moscow marked an "amazing," even unprecedented, event for modern Russia. Yet though euphoria was palpable in the air, it came with a tinge of pessimism, fueled by the simple question: "What's next?"

### [Silliness, Civic Activism Merge at Record Rally](#)

*12 December 2011*

By Alexey Eremenko, Kevin O'Flynn and Alexander Winning

Nobody quite knows what "Upyachka" is, either in Russian or in English. But it was important enough for some people to mention on protest posters next to "Freedom" and "Equality."

### [Election Protests Liveblog](#)

*10 December 2011*

By Roland Oliphant

Welcome to The Moscow Times liveblog of today's election protests. In case you need reminding, 30,000 people were expected in central Moscow on Saturday for the largest anti-government protests in Russia in recent years. Their demands: cancel the results of last Sunday's parliamentary elections, which they say were fraudulent.

### [Putin Blames Clinton for Unrest](#)

*09 December 2011*

By Irina Filatova and Alexey Eremenko

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin accused U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Thursday of instigating the public protests against the State Duma elections as tens of thousands signed up to rally over the weekend.

### [250 Held in 2nd Night of Vote Protests](#)

*07 December 2011*

By Alexander Bratersky, Nikolaus von Twickel and Rina Soloveitchik

Opposition activists and pro-Kremlin youth faced off for the first time in a Moscow square on Tuesday, but police cracked down on the protesters before they could do anything but shout a few slogans.

### [5,000 Protest Duma Election Results](#)

*06 December 2011*

By Alexander Bratersky

At least 5,000 protesters vented their frustration with the State Duma vote on Monday evening in central Moscow at one of the biggest liberal opposition rallies in recent years

## [Activists Try to Rally But Are Blocked by Cops](#)

*05 December 2011*

By Alexander Bratersky

Several hundred protesters on Sunday evening tried to enter Triumfalnaya Ploshchad in central Moscow, which had been fenced off. Police forcibly prevented them from succeeding, blocked all of the entrances and urged them to disperse.

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