

# Omsk Governor Appointment Made

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Victor Nazarov was tapped by President Dmitry Medvedev on Tuesday to be governor of the Omsk region.

Head of an Omsk region Gazprom affiliate Viktor Nazarov has been tapped to be the next governor of the region by President Dmitry Medvedev, the Kremlin said in a statement Tuesday.

Medvedev's pick now must be rubber-stamped by the Omsk regional legislature before he can take the post.

Nazarov is director of the Gazprom Mezhhregiongaz Omsk company, a subsidiary of state-run Gazprom. He is a lawyer by training and has worked in the prosecutor's office in the Cherkassk and Omsk regions.

On Friday, United Russia presented Nazarov and several other candidates to replace Omsk Governor Leonid Polezhayev, 72, who will retire in May after heading the region for more than 20 years. The other candidates included local United Russia lawmaker Alexander Artyomov and Alexander Drozhzhin, Omsk's chief federal inspector.

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