

Saratov, Moscow Region Governors Confirmed

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Newly minted Saratov Governor Valery Radayev

Valery Radayev, a close ally of deputy presidential administration head Vyacheslav Volodin, and Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu were voted by local legislatures Thursday to become governors of the Saratov and Moscow regions respectively, Interfax reported.

Radayev, 52, a former head of the Saratov regional assembly, had been serving as acting governor since last month, when his predecessor Pavel Ipatov left office.

Experts said Radayev's nomination by President Dmitry Medvedev was the culmination of a power struggle waged by Volodin, a former senior United Russia heavyweight who serves as the deputy head of the presidential administration.

Volodin, a Saratov native and a rival of Ipatov, had pushed to install his trusted lieutenant Radayev in the post.

Also on Thursday, the Moscow region legislature voted by an overwhelming margin to make

Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu the region's head.

Shoigu is the most popular minister in the Cabinet, with a 70 percent approval rating, according to a survey by state-run pollster VTsIOM last year.

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