

Siberia-to-Moscow Motor Rally Planned by Opposition

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Sergei Udaltsov at a recent protest against Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization Anton Belitsky

Opposition leaders are laying plans for acampaign camps and a motor rally through Russia's regions to keep up the momentum of the protest movement over the summer months.

"The aim of athe motor rally and a camps is to clarify the opposition's demands and invite people to the March of Millions [protest] on Sept. 15," opposition leader Sergei Udaltsov wrote on Twitter late Tuesday.

Udaltsov added that both the⊠campaign camps and⊠motor rally would cover key Russian regions, with the⊠motor rally leaving Siberia in⊠late August to⊠arrive in⊠time for⊠the protest in⊠Moscow.

Dmitry Gudkov, a State Duma deputy with the Just Russia party, told Itar-Tass that

opposition deputies would lead the motor rally so traffic police wouldn't stop the convoy of poposition-minded drivers.

Potential "checkpoints" on⊠the southern leg of⊠the rally include Krasnoyarsk, Omsk, Yekaterinburg, Ufa, Tolyatti, Volgograd, Vladimir, Kaluga and⊠Pskov, Just Russia Deputy Ilya Ponomaryov wrote on⊠his LiveJournal blog.

In⊠an effort to⊠alert Twitter followers of⊠the planned events, protest organizers have also opened a⊠separate account, @whiteprobeg, and⊠created a⊠hashtag, #ДМПавтопробег (#DMPavtoprobeg).

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