

Gudkovs Could Lose Just Russia Posts

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Gennady and Dmitry Gudkov will lose their leadership positions in the opposition A Just Russia party for rejecting an ultimatum that they quit the protest movement's Coordination Council, Izvestia reported Tuesday, citing party chairman Nikolai Levichev.

Both will lose their spots on the party's central committee, and Gennady Gudkov, a former State Duma deputy, will also be stripped of two other senior positions, Levichev said.

The party presidium last month issued an ultimatum to the Gudkovs to quit the 45-member Coordination Council after an opposition march in which portraits of A Just Russia lawmakers were among those symbolically tossed into the garbage.

Faced with the same ultimatum, two opposition supporters, Duma Deputy Ilya Ponomaryov and Astrakhan regional Deputy Oleg Shein, renounced extra-party affiliations.

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