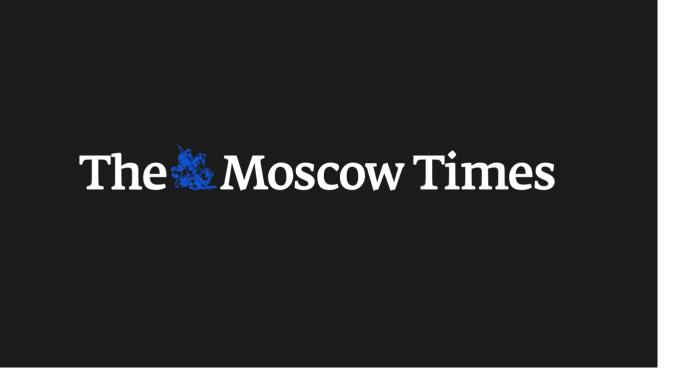


## Defense Ministry Considering Blacklisting Draft Dodgers

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The Defense Ministry is considering amending current legislation to issue draft dodgers with a certificate at the age of 27 stating that they did not fulfill their duty to the motherland, a news report said Friday.

The certificate, known as a "wolf ticket" in Russian, would carry restrictions that may affect the holder's future employment.

"The certificate will say that the given individual, without any basis for it, did not fulfill his military duty to the motherland," a source familiar with the situation told Interfax on Friday.

The number of those in the country avoiding military service has reached "menacing proportions," the source said, with almost 250,000 people having evaded service in 2012.

"At the ministry, it is thought that citizens that have been issued a 'wolf ticket' will have

a harder time finding work not only in state agencies, but also commercial ones," the source said.

Earlier, Yevgeny Burdinsky, the deputy head of the main organizational and mobilization department of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, said that in addition to the 235,836 who'd avoided service, another 8,794 had received draft notices but never shown up at the military enlistment office.

In 2012, a total of 295,375 draftees were sent to serve in the Armed Forces, according to Burdinsky.

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