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Justice Ministry to Decide On Pro-Navalny Party's Registration by May 8

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The Justice Ministry will decide whether to register the People's Alliance party, which backs outspoken Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, by May 8, the ministry's press service said Thursday.

The decision will be made based on the results of a legal evaluation of the registration materials submitted by the party, RIA-Novosti reported.

The People's Alliance submitted registration documents to the Justice Ministry on April 10.

While Navalny is not a member of the party, it was created by his close allies and supporters, and said it would back his presidential ambitions.

The party's registration coincides with the legal suit filed on Wednesday against the Justice Ministry by Oleg Mitvol, chairman of the Green Alliance-People's Party, to stop the ministry

from registering the People's Alliance party.

The complaint cites a law prohibiting political parties from using parts of other parties' names for their own identification.

The ministry said it did not possess information on the suit against it.

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