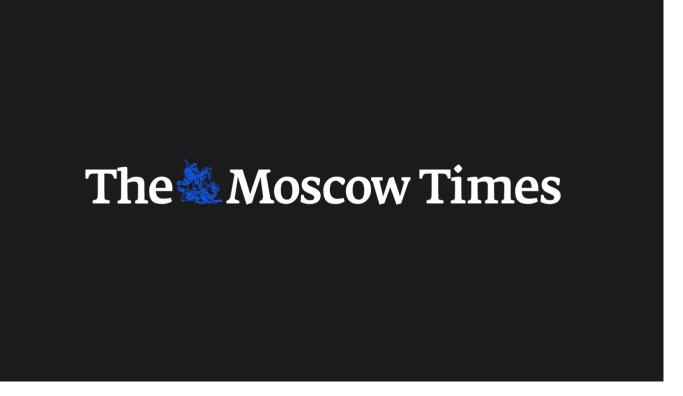


Heat Wave Subsides, Bringing Wind and Rain

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Muscovites can expect cooler temperatures over the next week, as last week's record-breaking heat wave subsides, forecasters said Monday.

On Monday, temperatures will not rise above 25 degrees Celsius, with heavy rain, thunderstorms and hail expected during the second part of the day, Interfax reported, citing the Federal Weather Bureau.

Gusts of wind during the storms will reach up to 12-17 meters per second, blowing cooling air into the capital, forecasters added.

From Tuesday, temperatures will drop, with a maximum high of 22 degrees. Wednesday's high will be 20 degrees. Forecasters predict that Thursday will be the coldest day of the week, with temperatures dropping to around 18 degrees.

But warm weather is set to return by the weekend, the weather bureau said, with maximum highs in the high 20s. The air temperature, however, will be significantly cooler than during previous weeks, forecasters said.

Weather records were broken Tuesday and Wednesday last week, as the temperature in Moscow reached over 30 degrees Celsius.

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