

What the Papers Say, Aug. 6, 2013

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Kommersant

1. Ivan Safronov et al. report headlined "Dmitry Rogozin brings aviation to space" says Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin has suggested that the aviation sector should be merged with space industry. He has suggested that the Federal Air Space Agency be set up. Both sectors oppose the plans; pp 1- 2 (848 words).
2. Yury Barsukov article headlined "FAS strengthens law on competition" says the Federal Antimonopoly Service wants to have a right to authorize setting up of any state and municipal unitary enterprise and also to veto setting up of joint ventures with assets larger than 7 billion rubles (around \$212 million); pp 1 — 2 (718 words).
3. Alexander Chernykh article headlined "Officials to give mark to scientists" says the Education and Science Ministry is planning to check the effectiveness of scientific organizations; pp 1, 3 (890 words).

4. Yekaterina Gerashchenko article headlined "Contractors transferred to metro" says the Moscow city authorities are ready to spend 573.3 billion rubles on the construction of 69 kilometers of new metro lines. They are now looking for contractors to do the work; pp 1, 8 (507 words).
5. Alexei Shapovalov article headlined "Inflation decreasing without demand" says although inflation has grown only by 0.8 percent in Russia in July, experts predict that inflation may exceed 6 percent in 2013; p 2 (544 words).
6. Viktor Khamrayev article headlined "Russian multi-party system reaches limit" says public opinion polls show that most Russians do not support the idea of the multi-party system; moreover, even those who back more democratic practices are not ready to vote for new small parties; p 2 (579 words).
7. Maria Yefimova article headlined " Hamas restores ties with Iran" says the Egyptian revolution has made the Hamas Palestinian movement look for new allies. Hamas is restoring ties with Iran and the Lebanese movement, Hezbollah; p 6 (479 words).
8. Sergei Strokan article headlined "India redraws its map" says the Indian authorities have backed the plans to set up a new state. The plans threaten the country with stronger separatist moods; p 6 (511 words).
9. Galina Dudina article headlined "Britain goes to migrants raid" says over 150 people have been arrested as part of a new campaign against illegal migration launched by the British authorities. Experts believe this to be a response to nationalists gaining popularity in the U.K.; p 6 (485 words).
10. Kirill Melnikov and Yevgeny Khvostik article headlined "LUKoil finds 'mature project' in Iraq" says LUKoil can become involved in a new energy project in Iraq as it got interested in Kirkuk oil; p 9 (440 words).

Nezavisimaya Gazeta

1. Alexei Gorbachev and Ivan Rodin article headlined "To hold and not to let go" outlines new measures taken by the Russian government to fight against illegal migration. A total of 11 bodies will be in charge of controlling migration in the country; pp 1, 3 (1,073 words).
2. Sergei Kulikov article headlined "Capital benefits to spread all over country" comments on yet another video blog entry by Dmitry Medvedev, in which he pledges to make it easier for Russians to get residential registration at their dachas, summer cottages; pp 1, 4 (569

words).

3. Svetlana Gavrilina article headlined "Poltavchenko finds electorate" says opposition activists have been showing photos of some politicians including St. Petersburg governor Georgy Poltavchenko in the streets of the city for two weeks. It turned out that half of the respondents do not know the face of their governor; pp 1 — 2 (541 words).

4. Anastasia Bashkatova article headlined "Half of square meter a year for every Russian" says the housing problem cannot be resolved in Russia as few people are solvent; pp 1, 4 (1,060 words).

5. Tatyana Ivzhenko article headlined "USA replaces ambassador in Kiev" says Washington has appointed new ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey Pyatt, ahead of the presidential election in the country; pp 1, 6 (900 words).

6. Vladimir Skosyrev article headlined "China to divert from course 'one family — one child'" says that Chinese authorities are changing the demographic policy as the working population is decreasing in the country. Some families will be allowed to have two children; pp 1, 6 (459 words).

7. Olga Skripnikova article headlined "Sergei Sobyenin gathers observers" says over 3,500 Sergei Sobyenin's supporters will monitor Moscow mayoral election in September; p 2 (460 words).

8. Editorial headlined "About imbalance of penal system" review recent high-profile cases and notes that corrupt officials are punished less than opposition figures and even ordinary people; p 2 (505 words)

9. Darya Garmonenko article headlined "Uninteresting sociology" features the results of a recent poll, which shows that Russians have begun thinking that results of various surveys are being faked for the benefits of the authorities; p 3 (400 words).

11. Sergei Tolstov article headlined "Carte blanche: political fatigue syndrome" says Russia and Ukraine are on the verge of a trade war as Kiev is heading towards the European integration regardless Moscow plans; p 3 (761 words).

12. Yevgenia Novikova article headlined "Talks about Morsi's future under way in Cairo" says both Western and Arab states delegations are working in Cairo to try to persuade the new authorities to hold elections as soon as possible and to persuade the overthrown president Morsi to resign officially so that he is able to leave the country; p 6 (637 words).

Vedomosti

1. Oleg Salmanov and Yelizaveta Sergina article headlined "Yota founders move towards exit" says Alisher Usmanov's partners in telecommunications holding Garsdale Sergei Adonyav and Albert Avdolyan are going to quit the business project; pp 1, 16 (483 words).
2. Editorial headlined "Beneficial illegal migrants" says the tent camp set up in Moscow to keep illegal migrants may give rise to international scandals. The Vietnamese authorities have already spoken out against the bad conditions in which migrants are kept; pp 1, 6 (432 words).
3. Anastasia Kornya article headlined "They will show what they want to show" says that the Justice Ministry has drafted a bill allowing the courts to ban online broadcasting of any court hearings; p 2 (500 words).
4. Another editorial headlined "Fight between sociologies" says the authorities and the opposition are using different public opinion poll data in Russia; p 6 (309 words).
5. Polina Khimshiashvili article headlined "My aim is to restore economy and maintain morality" reviews political career of new Iranian President Rouhani and his plans for the country; p 8 (1,970 words).

Izvestia

1. Yulia Tsoy and Sergei Zvezda article headlined "They want to introduce two-percent-tax for supporting parents" says State Duma lawmakers are considering the possibility of making people pay additional two percent tax to be spent on support of their retired parents; pp 1, 3 (695 words).
2. Article by political scientist Boris Mezhyuev headlined "National security and its global protection" welcomes the Russian authorities' decision to grant political asylum to U.S. whistle-blower Edward Snowden and tries to predict the further development of the Russian-U.S. relations; pp 1, 3 (895 words).
3. Ivan Cheberko article headlined "Igor Karavayev may become new Roscosmos head" says Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin wants Deputy Industry and Trade Minister Igor Karavayev to become new head of the Russian Space Agency, Roscosmos. He regards the work of the present head of the agency, Vladimir Popovkin, as ineffective; pp 1-2 (683 words).

4. Lyudmila Podobedova article headlined "Energy Ministry to be stripped of powers to distribute quotas for oil transportation" says a new interdepartmental commission may draft schedules for transporting oil via main oil pipelines instead of the Energy Ministry doing this planning now; pp 1, 4 (696 words).

5. Olesya Yelkova article headlined "FAS opens case against Gazprom due to sulphur" says the Federal Anti-monopoly Commission suspects Gazprom of overcharging companies buying sulphur from its subsidiaries; p 1, 4 (714 words).

6. Alexander Yunashev and Sergei Zvezda article headlined "Putin and Surgeon discussed bike-show in Stalingrad" says that Vladimir Putin has received the invitation to take part in the bike-show organized by Volgograd bikers to pay tribute to those killed in the World War II; p 2 (600 words).

7. Maxim Sokolov article headlined "Arrest of propagandist" slams the guilty verdict passed on village teacher Ilya Farber, who was charged with bribery and sent to prison for 7 years; p 5 (600 words).

Rossiiskaya Gazeta

1. Irina Nevinnaya interview with Natalya Stadchenko, the chairwoman of the Obligatory Medical Insurance Fund, speaking on the healthcare system; pp 1, 4 (2,069 words).

2. Yulia Krivoshapko interview with Valery Miroshnikov, the first deputy director of the Deposit Insurance Agency, speaking on new laws which envisage criminal responsibility for bankers forging their books; pp 1, 6 (1,739 words).

3. Article by political scientist Leonid Radzikhovsky headlined "Mayor of barricades" comments on opposition activist Alexei Navalny's election campaign and notes that he stakes on political slogans rather than on real economic plans; pp 1, 3 (1,015 words).

4. Ivan Yegorov article headlined "Transactions at speed of sound" features the comments of the State Duma deputies, Sergei Neverov and Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, who demand that financial sources of opposition mayoral candidate Alexei Navalny's campaign be checked for transparency; p 2 (400 words).

5. Sergei Toporkov article headlined "Same people on arena" says that multi-party political system in Russia is inefficient as only few of small parties manage to reach the 5-percent-barrier at any election; p 3 (400 words).

Moskovsky Komsomolets

1. Pavel Chuvilyayev article headlined "Secret petrol meeting: we wait for deficit" says demand for petrol is much higher than supply in Russia, shortages with petrol supply are expected in the third quarter of 2013; pp 1 — 2 (414 words).
2. Article by economist Mikhail Delyagin headlined "When we run out of oil..." predicts that falling prices on hydrocarbons may cause an economic crisis and political instability in Russia; p 3 (1,188).

Noviye Izvestia

1. Valery Yakov article headlined "Who will come with broom to us..." reports on a campaign against illegal migrants in Moscow and some Russian regions and notes that the authorities have found an easy target to show their power; pp 1, 2 (603 words).
2. Vitaly Solovetsky article headlined "Double strike" says the RPR–Parnas opposition party has not been allowed to take part in regional elections in the republic of Khakassia and in the city of Abakan; p 2 (555 words).

RBC Daily

1. Ivan Petrov article headlined "Emergency exercise" says the Defence Ministry has launched an exercise to deal with a supposed emergency situation with nuclear weapons in Murmansk Region; p 2 (600 words).

Komsomolskaya Pravda

1. Alexander Grishin article headlined "Where Chubais team got CIA agents and millionaires" criticizes managers of the state-owned Rosnano company headed by Anatoly Chubais, one of the key adherents of market economy in Russia; pp 1, 12-13 (2,200 words).

Trud

1. Sergei Frolov article headlined "Hawk screams among gay doves" slams member of the International Olympic Committee Richard Carrion for speaking against the discrimination of homosexuals in Russia; p 1 (350 words).

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