

Galushka Tipped as Far East Minister

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The government was expected to announce Wednesday the appointment of Alexander Galushka as the new minister for the development of the Far East following the dismissal of Viktor Ishayev last week.

Prior to his dismissal, Ishayev simultaneously held the posts of minister and presidential envoy responsible for the development of the region, Vedomosti reported.

On Monday, President Vladimir Putin appointed his aide Yury Trutnev to replace Ishayev as the envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District during his visit to the flood-stricken Far East over the weekend.

The position of the Far East minister, which has remained vacant until now, is expected to be filled by 38-year-old Galushka, co-chairman of business association Delovaya Rossiya and of the pro-Kremlin All-Russian People's Front, a high-ranking government source said.

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