

Nationalist Rally to Go Ahead on Unity Day

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Russian nationalists marching in Moscow in a previous Unity Day rally. Igor Tabakov

Moscow City Hall has sanctioned the "Russian March," an annual gathering of nationalists on the country's celebration of Unity Day to be held on Nov. 4, leader of the nationalist group "Russians," Dmitry Dyomushkin, said.

The march will begin at Pererva Ulitsa, continue through Moscow's southeastern Lyublino district, and conclude with a rock concert by the band Kalavrat, Dyomushkin told Interfax on Monday.

The organizers hope to attract 30,000 participants for the march and 20,000 attendants for the rock concert.

The rally comes almost one month after bloody anti-migrant riots in Moscow's Biryulyovo district.

While the Moscow march is set, nationalists in St. Petersburg have been denied their proposed itinerary. The city's nationalist groups are currently revising their plans to comply with municipal requirements.

The public holiday on Nov. 4 commemorates the expulsion of Polish forces from Moscow in 1612 and has been used as an occasion for country-wide nationalist rallies.

Last year's demonstration in Moscow drew 6,000 people.

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