

Serdyukov Has New Job at Rostec Subsidiary

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Former Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov has found a new job as head of a testing center at state-run technology corporation Rostec, his lawyer said Friday.

Serdyukov informed his lawyers "just the other day" that he has been head of the Federal Engineering Research and Testing Center since Nov. 1, lawyer Konstantin Rivkin told Interfax.

Employees at the reception desk of the testing center could not confirm the appointment.

"We've heard conversations like this, but Serdyukov hasn't been officially presented to the staff and hasn't moved into the general director's office," an employee said.

"Most likely some kind of clarity will emerge on Monday," the employee added.

President Vladimir Putin fired Serdyukov in November last year as a scandal over the sale of ministry properties at below-market prices began to unfold.

Two major criminal cases regarding embezzlement at Defense Ministry-affiliated companies Oboronservis and Slavyanka are ongoing.

Serdyukov has not been charged. Whether he was involved in the scheme is still under investigation and no decision has been made about bringing him to trial, a law enforcement official familiar with the case said Friday.

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