

Application Filed for March in Support of Bolotnaya Defendants

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The City Hall has received a request to hold a march in central Moscow on Feb. 2 in support of the defendants of the so-called "Bolotnaya case" charged with participation in riots during an opposition protest rally in May 2012.

Head of Moscow's regional security department Alexei Mayorov said Thursday that the request had been received and that authorities could give an answer by Friday, RIA Novosti reported.

He added that organizers have asked the city authorities for a permission to march along the street Tverskaya Ulitsa to Manezhnaya Square near the Kremlin. The expected number of participants at the event is 30,000 people, organizers said.

The the rally on Bolotnaya Ploshchad on May 6, 2012, which was approved by city authorities, turned into clashes with police during which dozens of people were injured and over 400 were

detained. Authorities later opened criminal cases against 28 protesters on charges of taking part in public disorder, though some defendants went free under a president-sponsored amnesty in December.

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