

Angry Russian Woman Smashes Putin Mask Made by Pro-Ukraine Activists

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A mask of President Vladimir Putin.

A Russian citizen visiting the Czech Republic was reportedly so outraged by a mask of President Vladimir Putin displayed by activists in Prague that she took it and smashed it.

Members of a local affiliate of Ukraine's Euromaidan pro-European movement had made the giant mask for a carnival in November and subsequent weekend marches held in Prague in support of Ukraine, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Ukrainian service reported Monday.

But the Russian woman was apparently so incensed by the use of Putin's likeness that she took up her complaints with the activists.

"She approached our table, expressing indignation that we had insulted their president, grabbed our Putin and hit him several times," activist Sonik Pospishylova was quoted as saying by RFE/RL.

Radio Svoboda journalist Maryana Drach later posted a photo of the damaged mask on Twitter

that showed a split running from its temple to its forehead.

Ukrainian activists and their Czech supporters have been holding marches in Prague every weekend to show their solidarity with Kiev and to criticize Russia's annexation of Crimea and meddling in east Ukraine, RFE/RL reported.

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