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Moscow Police Ordered to Probe Their Subordinates' Private Lives

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Moscow police officers have been ordered to open their homes to their bosses, who will inspect, photograph and document their private lives as part of a new initiative aimed at ensuring police are upright citizens both on and off the clock, the Kommersant daily newspaper reported Thursday.

A document establishing this and other measures purportedly designed to improve professional discipline among the police force was signed by Moscow police chief Anatoly Yakunin, Kommersant reported.

According to the newspaper, heads of police units will be required to pay each of their underlings a visit by the end of the summer and interview their family members and neighbors in a stated bid to influence their "behavior both on duty and in their private lives."

Photographs taken during these visits are meant to serve as evidence that police bosses visited their underlings, as well as a source of information about police officers' living conditions.

The first photo evidence from the visits are set to be filed by Sept. 15, the newspaper reported.

Some police officers have noted that their superiors are already endeavoring to dodge the extra work, having instead simply asked their underlings to bring in photographs of their own homes, Kommersant reported.

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