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Traffic Jams on Airport Road

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Flights serving the country's top officials, including the president and the prime minister, will be handled by Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport until Aug. 1, not July 1, Kommersant said Monday.

The main airport to serve top bureaucrats is Vnukovo, but flights will be transferred to Sheremetyevo starting this month because of construction connected with Vnukovo's expansion plans.

Vnukovo was set to receive another landing strip by July, but the state tender for the project was postponed a month to May 5 because the paperwork was not ready in time, the newspaper said.

The delay implies that the ever-busy Leningradskoye Shosse leading to Sheremetyevo will face unprecedented jams during vacation season because the road will be blocked to make way for officials' motorcades.

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