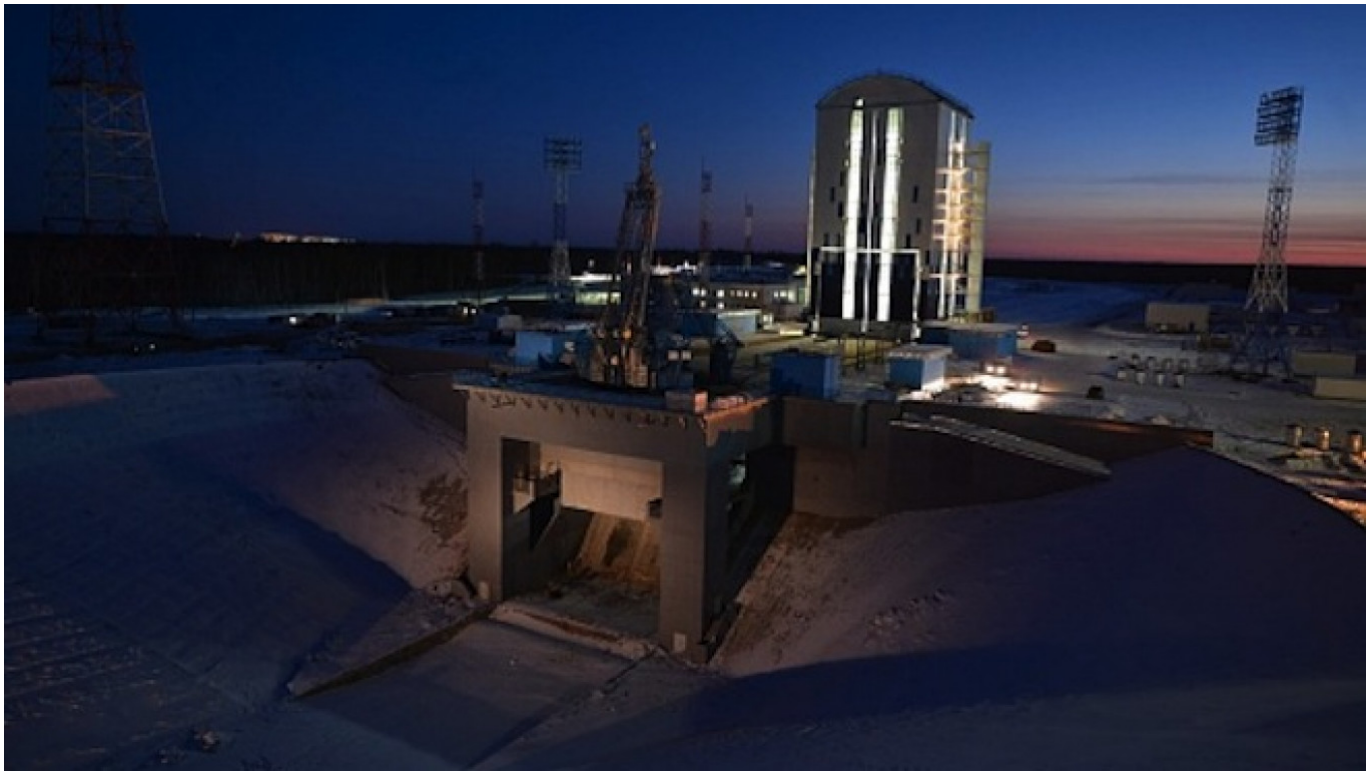
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Arrested Vostochny Cosmodrome Worker Who Complained to Putin Is Released

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Vostochny Cosmodrome

An employee of the Pacific Ocean Bridge-building Company (TMK), Anton Tyurishev, who complained about payment delays to Russian President Vladimir Putin during last year's phone-in show, has been released from administrative custody, the RBC news agency reported Thursday.

"Hi all! I've been released! Thanks a lot for your support!" Tyurishev wrote on his page on the Odnoclassniki social network.

The head of TMK, Igor Nesterenko, was arrested last year following Tyurishev's complaint to the president about salary delays for TMK employees working at the Vostochny Cosmodrome construction site.

During this year’s phone-in show, held earlier this month, Tyurishev tried to reach Putin

again to complain that the salary problem had not been resolved. On April 13, Tyurishev was detained by police officers in the far eastern town of Ussuriisk over suspected involvement in Nesterenko's criminal actions.

He was found innocent, but shortly after that was detained again for swearing and was sentenced to five days of administrative detention.

Tyurishev declared a hunger strike in response to his detention, which he considered to be "not legitimate" and provoked by "political persecution," one of Tyurishev's colleagues at TMK told the Kommersant news agency.

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