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Opponents of 'Kadyrov' Bridge to Rally in St. Petersburg

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A view of St.Petersburg, Russia

Authorities in the Russian city of St. Petersburg have approved a rally against naming one of the city's bridges after Chechnya's first president Akhmad Kadyrov, local news website Fontana.ru reported Thursday.

The rally is to take place on June 6 at the Mars Field (Marsovo Pole) in the center of the city, a deputy from St. Petersburg's legislative assembly, Maxim Reznik, told journalists.

Another public rally, scheduled for Friday, will be held on Nevsky Prospect — the city's main street.

"St. Petersburg does not have a street named after Sergei Dovlatov, or a bridge dedicated to Joseph Brodsky, or a Vladimir Nabokov square," the rally organizers wrote in their appeal. "But when it comes to a name for a bridge, the only name the powers-that-be can recall is Akhmad Kadyrov," the appeal reads, the Saint-Petersburg.ru news agency reported.

On Monday, the St. Petersburg toponymic commission agreed on proposals to name a bridge after Chechnya's first president Akhmad Kadyrov.

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