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Russia to Build Statue of Ivan the Terrible

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A monument to Tsar Ivan the Terrible is to be built in the Russian ☒city of Orel, 350 kilometers south of Moscow, the TASS news agency reported ☒Wednesday.

The monument will be unveiled on Aug. 3, two days before the 450th ☒anniversary of the city's founding, the Orel region's governor Vadim ☒Potomsky told journalists.

"He founded the city 450 years ago. A great city of great people" he ☒said, adding that the statue will not be financed from the city or the ☒regional budget, TASS reported.

The first Tsar of all Russia, Ivan IV, commonly known as Ivan the ☒Terrible, ruled Russia from 1533-1584 and is credited with creating a ☒centrally controlled Russian state imposed by strong military rule. ☒Famous for his extreme temper, he murdered his own son in a fit of rage ☒as well as blinding the architect of Moscow's St. Basil's Cathedral.

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