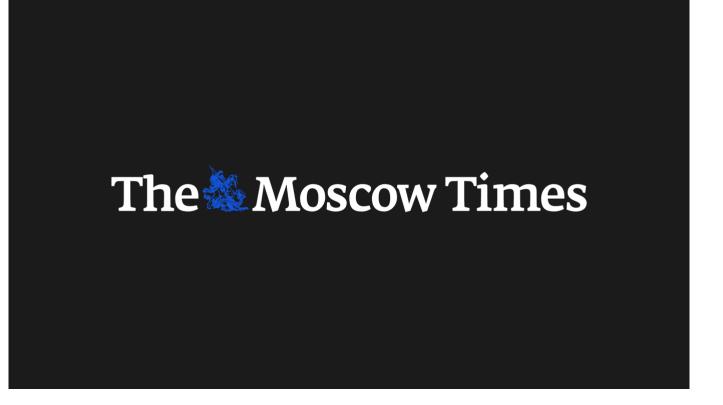


Turkey Unblocks Website of Russia's Sputnik News Agency

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The Turkish authorities have reinstated access to the website of the ■Russian state news agency Sputnik, the RIA Novosti news agency reported ■Monday, citing the head of the Turkish Sputnik bureau, Mahir Boztepe. ■■

This was also confirmed by Turkey's Telecommunications Authority, the ⊠news agency reported. ☑ ☑

Ankara blocked the website in April. Shortly afterwards, the chief editor of **⊠**Sputnik in Turkey, Tural Kerimov was barred from entering the country. He **∑** was also deprived of his journalist accreditation and residence permit. **∑**

The blocking of Sputnik's website caused a sharp reaction in Russia, with ■the Foreign Ministry calling it "yet another violation of fundamental human ■rights and freedoms." Sputnik meanwhile continued its work, posting ■materials on Facebook and Twitter.

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