

## New Compensation Plans for Victims of Russia's 1993 Crisis

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The victims of Russia's violent <u>1993</u><u>■constitutional crisis</u> could be set to receive compensation.

More than 600 people could benefit from **\B**financial aid under a new bill submitted to Russia's State Duma by **\B**Communist politician Sergei Shargunov.

Shargunov has maintained that the⊠proposals would not need additional funds from the federal budget.

"This little⊠civil war in the center of Moscow is the key to our country's modern history," he wrote on the Communist party website, "but it's still somewhat of a

taboo**⊠**topic."

Russia's 1993⊠constitutional crisis erupted⊠on
Sept. 21, 1993, when President Boris Yeltsin
stepped outside of⊠his legally-recognized power and tried to dissolve the country's⊠parliament: the Congress of People's Deputies and the Supreme
Soviet.⊠Politicians declared his actions to be void and attempted to impeach⊠him, triggering a political stand-off.

The ten-day ordeal was ultimately resolved in Yeltsin's favor via military force.

Government estimates state that 187 people were killed, with 437⊠wounded. Other estimates put the death toll as high as 2,000.

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