

Russian Nationalist Leader Under House Arrest

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Dmitry Demushkin **Denis Abramov / Vedomosti**

Russian nationalist Dmitry Demushkin was sentenced to house arrest until the end of December, the Interfax news agency reported Friday.

Judge Evgeny Naidenov called the sentence a "preventative measure" while announcing his decision to the court.

The court agreed with the investigation, which found that the former leader of two banned nationalist organizations had routinely violated his parole, which stipulated that he must not leave Moscow.

According to the new sentence, Demushkin must remain at the residence where he is registered and must not leave without permission from investigators. He is also banned from using all means of communication except in order to contact family members, lawyers, and officials from the correctional system.

Dmitry Demushkin has been charged for "inciting hatred or enmity" based on the content of articles he hosted on his social networking sites.

Demushkin was also an organizer of the Russian March, a right-wing nationalist event which has traditionally taken place on Nov. 4. He was the leader of the Slavic Union and another political organization called 'Russians,' both of which are considered to be extremist groups banned by Russian law.

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