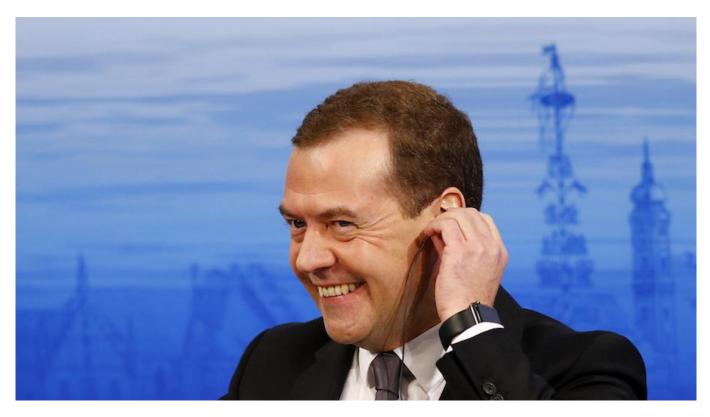


Dmitry Medvedev's Day Off: Russian Prime Minister Snapped in Ski Resort Despite Reports of Flu

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Poor Dmitry Medvedev: only two weeks after Russia's second-in-command faced down allegations of running a corruption empire, <u>he's now allegedly been caught pulling a sneaky</u> <u>sick day.</u>

The Russian prime minister was snapped on Instagram enjoying the elite Russian ski resort of Arkhyz,⊠just two days after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that⊠his second-in-command was simply "too ill" to attend a top⊠government meeting.

Putin told Russia's Security Council on Tuesday that Medvedev was suffering from the flu. "The [country's flu] epidemic is in decline, but the situation is still serious: Dimitry Anatolyevich has not been spared," Putin announced.

The owner of Coffee Bar Berry posted a photo of the prime minister in her shop in in Arkhyz

on Thursday. She said that Medvedev had enjoyed a drink along with Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Khloponin.

Both men approved of the coffee shop's rebranded Americano: the "Rusiano," she wrote.

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Russia's parliament announced on Friday that they would not be calling on Medvedev to answer for accusations of corruption put forward by <u>opposition rival Alexei Navalny</u>.

Russia's Anti-Corruption Foundation, an NGO created by Navalny in 2011, accused Medvedev on March 2 of collecting bribes through charitable organizations run by close friends and former classmates.

The organization claimed that Medvedev⊠owns four mansions across the country, each worth several million⊠dollars. Other alleged holdings include two large plots of land⊠in Krasnodar, an Italian vineyard, and a lavish residential building⊠in the heart of St. Petersburg with luxurious apartments and two⊠yachts.

The Kremlin has refused to comment on the claims.

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