

Russia Prepares to Celebrate 72 Years Since the Defeat of the Nazis

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Seventy-two years ago next Tuesday, the Soviet Union accepted the surrender of Germany, giving Moscow one of the greatest, bloodiest victories in history. To this day, the end of the Great Patriotic War, as the USSR's fight against the Nazis is known in Russia, is still the country's most important national holiday. The Moscow Times collects some recent photos from Moscow and St. Petersburg, where the government is preparing its annual celebrations for Victory Day.

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