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Protester Detained at Kalashnikov Monument Unveiling

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A lone protester was detained at the unveiling of a new seven-meter statue to the inventor of the AK-47 assault rifle in Moscow's city center on Tuesday, the opposition-leaning Dozhd television channel reports.

The 35 million ruble ($538,000) monument to Mikhail Kalashnikov, installed earlier this week, was unveiled by Russia's Culture Minister and representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church near the Mayakovskaya metro station on Tuesday morning.

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The demonstrator who was holding a sign reading “Designer of Weapons = Designer of Death,” told journalists at the scene he was “against any military demonstration and any propaganda of Russia’s military might.”

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The man was soon detained by the police, who did not provide a reason for the detention, Dozhd reports.

The gold statue depicts Kalashnikov brandishing his trademark assault rifle.

Salavat Shcherbakov, who designed the monument, is also responsible a controversial 2016 monument to Russia’s medieval Prince Vladimir just outside the Kremlin.

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