

Russia's Vostochny Cosmodrome Workers Hunger Strike for Third Year

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Launch pad at the Vostochny Space Launch Center. **Kremlin / Wikicommons**

Construction workers at Russia's Far East spaceport are staging a hunger strike for the third year in a row demanding salaries that they haven't received in six months.

The Vostochny Cosmodrome is among the four sites proudly depicted on two newly [unveiled](#) Russian denominations. The cosmodrome is featured on the back side of the 2,000-ruble bill that entered into circulation in the Far East, Crimea and Moscow on Thursday.

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Six construction workers at Vostochny's lead contractor announced a hunger strike starting Friday over wages unpaid since April, the Vostokmedia news website [reported](#) Friday.

The workers belong to [SDS-733](#), a subsidiary of the contractor formerly known as Dalspetsstroy and currently called [GVSU No.6](#).

There were originally 15 construction workers planning to forego food until their arrears were paid, one of the SDS-733 directors told Vostokmedia.

She said a senior GVSU No.6 official met with the SDS-733 workers to promise to provide a debt repayment schedule.

“He announced that the company is unable to fulfill our requirements,” said Irina Zinatova, head of the SDS-733’s road and construction lab.

According to Vostokmedia, GVSU No.6 previously planned to settle its debts by early September from asset sell-offs but missed the deadline. The contractor was placed under a bankruptcy monitoring procedure in June.

It [reportedly](#) owes its workers 271 million rubles (\$4.7 million), 168 million rubles (\$2.9 million) of which it owes to workers in the Khabarovsk region where SDS-733 workers are based.

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