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Moscow Approves Left-Wing Demonstration After Presidential Elections

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Moscow city authorities have reportedly approved a demonstration of anti-Kremlin left-wing activists for next Monday, the day after Russia holds presidential elections.

Left Front leader Sergei Udaltsov tweeted last week that he had filed the paperwork to hold a rally in central Moscow to "take stock of the presidential election results." Udaltsov was released last August after spending more than four years in prison for organizing anti-Kremlin protests following Russia's presidential elections in 2012.

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The Left Front was granted a 2.5-hour demonstration for up to 1,000 people on Suvorov

Square, Udaltsov wrote Monday.

A Moscow department of regional security and anti-corruption official confirmed that the leftist demonstration had been approved to the state-run TASS news agency.

Udaltsov has been campaigning for Communist Party presidential candidate Pavel Grudinin, who polls a distant second behind Putin in state-run surveys.

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