

Firm Owned By Prosecutor General's Son Wins Lucrative Garbage Contract

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Russian entrepreneur Igor Chaika Yedor Aleyev / TASS

A company led by the son of Russia's prosecutor general has won a contract worth 34.9 billion rubles (\$567 million) to dispose of garbage in the Moscow region, business daily Vedomosti <u>reported</u> Tuesday, citing a local Environment Ministry official.

Fourteen companies submitted bids for the seven contracts, valued at 187.7 billion rubles (\$3 billion) in total, the regional ministry official said.

Some of the towns and districts covered by the contracts were protest sites earlier this month as residents <u>railed</u> against the region's toxic garbage dumps. The landfills have become increasingly overburdened, resulting in abnormal levels of nitric oxide and hydrogen sulfide.

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Private waste-hauler OOO Charter — owned by Igor Chaika, the youngest son of Prosecutor General Yury Chaika — was awarded the contract to service the Noginsk area of the region. A company representative told Vedomosti that the company already handles garbage collection in the city of Moscow's east and northeast administrative districts.

Three of the 10-year contracts were awarded to Rostec, part of investment company RT-Invest. The company has plans to build four incineration and electricity co-generation plants in the region, with output to be sold to industrial enterprises.

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