

News From Russia: What You Missed Over the Weekend

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Russians united

Six people were briefly detained at nationalist marches on Sunday as Russia marked National Unity Day, the Mediazona site [reports](#).

To mark the national holiday, President Vladimir Putin and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill and other religious leaders, laid red flowers at a memorial to Russian Duke Dmitry Pozharsky and merchant Kozma Minin who led a victorious revolt against Polish rulers in Moscow in 1612.

Far East shuffle

Putin over the weekend [signed](#) a decree transferring the republic of Buryatia and the Zabaikalsky region to the Far Eastern Federal District in a move meant to stimulate regional development.

Plane crash

A Russian-made MiG-29 fighter plane crashed during a training flight in Egypt, Russia's state-controlled aircraft manufacturer United Aircraft Corporation was quoted by RIA news agency as saying on Saturday.

The Egyptian military confirmed that a fighter jet crashed while training due to a "technical glitch in the control tools."

Military expert detained

A military expert based in St. Petersburg has been detained on suspicion of state treason, the news site Fontanka [reported](#) late on Friday.

Vladimir Neyelov, who investigated Russian mercenaries like Wagner, now faces a maximum prison sentence of 20 years.

Data leak

Thousands of clients of Moscow-based internet provider Akado Telecom have had personal data including names, home addresses and mobile numbers posted online.

Among the victims are a high-ranking Russian government official, a well-known film director and a leading businessman's relative. ([Read more](#))

What torture?

Sixty-nine percent of Russians [questioned](#) in a recent Levada Center Poll said they had not heard of torture taking place in detention facilities.

Meanwhile, 35 percent said such violent treatment was acceptable in some cases.

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