

Western Intelligence Accused of Preparing for Russia's Breakup

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A top Russian official has accused Western intelligence agencies of preparing for the possibility of civil war and the breakup of the country into separate regions.

In 2017, U.S.-funded media [reported](#) on a movie about a Siberian secessionist movement spearheaded by billionaire philanthropist George Soros and the State Department. Soros and the U.S. are routinely accused of interfering in Russia's domestic affairs and backing pro-democracy "color revolutions" in countries bordering Russia in the post-Soviet period.

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Russia's Deputy Interior Minister Igor Zubov said Monday that Western intelligence agencies had "prepared scenarios" for civil unrest in Russia, local media outlets reported.

“The[ir] materials spell out Povolzhye as one of the regions of future civil military unrest,” Zubov said, referring to the Volga Federal District, according to Tatarstan’s Business Online [news portal](#).

“There are corresponding plans,” Russia’s state-run RIA Novosti news agency quoted Zubov as [saying](#).

The district comprises 14 regions and republics along the Volga River basin, including Tatarstan, and has the second-largest [population](#) of any Russian region — 29.3 million as of preliminary 2019 figures.

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