

# Yekaterinburg Revolts. Pompeo Meets Putin. And Joshua Yaffa on a Village Doctor Turned Writer

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— Yekaterinburg, Russia’s fourth-largest city, has been rocked by protests, as thousands of residents continue to defend a riverside park from plans to build a church on its grounds. We speak with [Matthew Luxmore](#), a Radio Free Europe reporter on the ground and with Yekaterina Schulmann, a political scientist about the larger forces at play.

— U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was in Russia this week for direct talks with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and President Vladimir Putin. We speak to [Fyodor Lukyanov](#), a Kremlin-focused foreign policy analyst, about whether the visit represents the beginning of a new chapter.

— And finally, we have New Yorker correspondent [Joshua Yaffa](#) in the studio to discuss his recent profile of Maxim Osipov, a village doctor and writer whose work seems to capture the nuances and peculiarities of life in Russia.

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