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Who Made It Into Russia's New Cabinet?

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President Vladimir Putin confirmed a new government Tuesday following last week's shake-up of the political system which led to Dmitry Medvedev's resignation as prime minister.

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Here's a look at the main figures in Russia's new government:

New appointments:

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin

A day after Russia's ex-prime minister Dmitry Medvedev announced his resignation, Putin and the State Duma confirmed Mishustin as the head of Russia's government.

Before being appointed prime minister, Mishustin had served as the head of the Federal Tax

Service since April 2010. He was also a member of the Presidential Council for Financial Market Development in 2011-2018.

Culture Minister Olga Lyubimova

Lyubimova, who was previously the director of the Culture Ministry's cinematography department, replaces her predecessor Vladimir Medinsky as culture minister.

During her time in that position, the ministry for the first time published information on the amount of state funding it gives to filmmakers. The data revealed that only 30 out of the 340 state-funded films released since 2015 have been commercially successful.

Economic Development Minister Maxim Reshetnikov

Reshetnikov leaves his post as governor of the Perm region, replacing Maxim Oreshkin as the head of the Economic Development Ministry. He has also worked in the government of Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin as the capital's head of economic policy.

Sports Minister Oleg Matytsin

Matytsin had been the president of the International University Sports Federation since 2015.

In 1996-1999 Matytsin was a dean of the faculty of individual professional education at the Russian State University of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism and in 2001-2006 he was its rector.

Justice Minister Konstantin Chuychenko

Chuychenko previously served as a deputy prime minister and chief of staff in Russia's government. He was also Medvedev's classmate at Leningrad State University.

Returning ministers:

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

Lavrov remains the head of the Foreign Ministry — a position he has held since March 2004. Known as a tough diplomat, Lavrov is one of the longest-serving cabinet members.

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu

Shoigu has served as defense minister and as chairman of the council of defense ministers of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) since 2012. A close Putin ally, he regularly ranks among the most popular and well-trusted government officials in public polling. At the same time, under his tenure, Russian soldiers annexed Crimea and have been accused by Ukraine and the West of fighting on the side of pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine.

Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokoltsev

Kolokoltsev has been Russia's interior minister since 2012.

Finance Minister Anton Siluanov

Anton Siluanov will continue to serve as finance minister despite losing his position as first deputy prime minister. Siluanov has been finance minister since 2011.

Energy Minister Alexander Novak

Alexander Novak has been holding this position since 2012.

Emergency Situations Minister Yevgeny Zinichev

Zinichev was appointed as emergency situations minister in 2018, a post he has held since.

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