

Russia's Regional Elections Kick Off Putin's Re-Election Campaign

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In this week's episode, we discuss Russia's regional and local elections — and how they have unofficially kicked off a new election cycle that will culminate with the presidential elections next March.

While President Vladimir Putin has said he will not announce his participation in the elections until the end of the year, his public behavior may indicate that his campaign for a fifth term has already begun.

Researcher Andras Toth-Czifra and MT journalist Pyotr Kozlov join us in discussing the September election results, what conclusions we can draw from them and how they can define the coming election season.

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