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‘You’re F****** Fired’: Samara Governor Sacks Local Official on Camera

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.Samara Governor Vyacheslav Fedorishchev. **Igor Gorshkov / Obozrenie**

The governor of southern Russia’s Samara region on Tuesday abruptly fired a local district head during an inspection visit caught on camera, with the video having since gone viral for the governor’s profanity-laced outburst.

Footage showed Vyacheslav Fedorishchev, the 36-year-old governor, confronting Yury Zhidkov, head of Samara’s Kinelsky district, over a damaged memorial stone dedicated to local World War II veterans.

When Zhidkov dismissed the monument as “just a rock,” Fedorishchev slapped him twice on the shoulder and told him, “You’re f****** fired.”

The governor confirmed the dismissal in a social media post, saying his anger stemmed from Zhidkov’s “disrespect for the memory of our heroes.”

“You can make up for a lack of competence or experience. But there’s a limit if this is your

attitude toward our heroes," Fedorishchev said.

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Fedorishchev later apologized for using profanity, saying it was inappropriate, but otherwise insisted that his emotional response caught on camera was justified given the "total negligence" he witnessed during his visit to the Kinelsky district.

The governor said he planned to appoint a new district head "in the next few weeks."

On Wednesday, Zhidkov announced in a video message that he was hospitalized with heart problems, saying his sudden dismissal the day before was "emotionally difficult." He promised to officially offer his resignation once released from the hospital.

Fedorishchev, Russia's youngest regional governor, is seen by Kremlin insiders as part of a new generation of officials known for their brash public personas and active social media presence.

He drew criticism last month after appearing to joke online about visiting a bathhouse with sex workers and aides, prompting speculation among analysts that he could be at risk of dismissal himself.

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