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Moscow Court Arrests Ex-Skolkovo Technopark Head on Bribery Mediation Charges

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Renat Batyrov **Maxim Korotchenko / TASS**

A Moscow court has ordered the arrest of the former CEO of the Skolkovo Technopark on charges of acting as an intermediary in a large-scale bribery scheme, the Skolkovo Leaks Telegram channel reported Tuesday, citing court records.

Renat Batyrov faces up to 12 years in prison if convicted.

His business project 100 Captains confirmed his detention, saying on its Telegram channel that the team "fully supports Renat" and is confident "the truth will be on his side."

Batyrov led the government-backed innovation hub from 2014 to 2023 before shifting to private ventures.

His website lists him as a board member at several companies with revenues of 5-15 billion rubles and as a partner at BSF Partners, though the investment bank does not list him among

its partners.

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The businessman had recently been developing the Park of Future Technologies within the Skolkovo grounds, which opened coworking applications on Oct. 31.

A birthday party planned there for Nov. 15 was replaced by the court hearing that determined his pre-trial custody.

A source cited by journalist Dmitry Filonov said the 100 Captains project had debts in the tens of millions of rubles, though Batyrov in November claimed that the initiative was undergoing "revolutionary changes" and was seeking new investment.

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