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Tver Police Briefly Detain Rassvet Founder Yekaterina Duntsova at Political Prisoner Event

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Yekaterina Duntsova. **@sotavisionmedia / Telegram**

Police in the Tver region briefly detained opposition figure Yekaterina Duntsova for questioning on Thursday evening after they received an anonymous tip that she was allegedly organizing an illegal political rally.

Duntsova, who tried but failed to run against Vladimir Putin in the 2024 presidential election, was detained at an event organized for writing letters to political prisoners, according to Rassvet, the party she founded.

A statement on Duntsova's personal Telegram channel said police detained her after receiving an anonymous tip about the event. She was taken to Tver's central police station for questioning, Rassvet said.

"Apparently, some ill-wishers are unhappy that I continue to engage in politics and

frequently travel to my home region," Duntsova wrote on Telegram after being released from police custody.

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In November 2023, Duntsova, a journalist by profession, announced her bid to run for president on a pro-peace, pro-democracy platform.

The following month, Russia's Central Election Commission rejected her candidacy over alleged errors in the documents she submitted in order to run.

Duntsova was briefly detained and required to take a drug test in January 2024, two months ahead of the presidential election in which Vladimir Putin won a fifth term in office.

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