

Police Arrest Boris Nadezhdin North of Moscow

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Boris Nadezhdin. [@BorisNadezhdin / Telegram](#)

Anti-war politician Boris Nadezhdin [said](#) Monday afternoon that he was arrested north of Moscow, just days after Russia's Justice Ministry designated him a "foreign agent."

In a brief message on his Telegram channel, Nadezhdin wrote that he was being taken to a police station in the town of Dolgoprudny, located around 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the Russian capital. He did not say whether he faced any charges.

A person close to Nadezhdin, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Moscow Times that "the reason for the arrest is still unclear."

Nadezhdin's lawyer later [told](#) Russian media that he was charged with displaying "extremist" symbols but did not provide further details.

Law enforcement authorities have not commented on the arrest.

Nadezhdin is currently trying to run for office in the State Duma elections this September.

Dolgoprudny is among the towns where his campaign team has been [collecting signatures](#) to help him qualify for the ballot.

Despite his [designation](#) as a “foreign agent” on Friday, a status that legally bars individuals from running for any elected office in Russia, Nadezhdin has [vowed](#) to press forward with his signature collection drive.

Nadezhdin, who was previously a State Duma lawmaker from 1999 to 2003, saw his political star rise in early 2024 when he tried to run in Russia’s 2024 presidential election on a pro-peace platform. Election authorities ultimately barred him from running on technical grounds.

For the State Duma elections this September, Nadezhdin said he plans to campaign on a platform advocating for a “return to normal life,” though he has admitted that authorities could move to disqualify him once again.

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