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Putin Orders Private Data Centers to Set Aside 10% of Capacity to Support IT Infrastructure

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Russian owners of non-state data centers will be required to reserve 10% of their capacity to help keep Russia's IT infrastructure running, according to a decree signed by President Vladimir Putin on Monday.

This mechanism would allow Russian authorities to quickly access available data center capacity if needed.

Russian data centers have become targets of Ukrainian drone attacks in recent weeks, with facilities operated by technology companies Yandex and Sberbank struck in October.

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Putin instructed the Digital Development Ministry to conduct an inventory of available capacity and floor space at privately owned data centers across Russia.

A special government commission, to be established under the decree, will be empowered to order the release of the reserved capacity, with operators required to provide access within 24 hours of such a decision.

The decree also allows for the temporary use of data centers located abroad, subject to approval by the FSB security service.

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