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In Photos: Novaya Gazeta Bids Farewell to Legendary Office After Closure

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Novaya Gazeta, Russia's oldest independent newspaper, moved out of the office where its journalists have worked for the past 30 years on Monday. The paper's employees bid farewell at the entrance, promising to return as soon as Russia "wakes up." Portraits of Novaya Gazeta journalists who have been killed over the course of the newsroom's existence — including investigative reporter Anna Politkovskaya — were also taken down. "We are at a point where the part of the Constitution on citizens' political and civil rights has effectively ceased to function," former editor-in-chief and Nobel laureate Dmitry Muratov told a crowd that had gathered outside the office. "It's been two years and two months now, and not a single political prisoner has been released. I'll say this right away: I'm not counting on the government. I'm counting only on you and me," he continued. Novaya Gazeta announced on Oct. 30 that it would shut down, saying state pressure made it impossible to go on. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called the paper's closure a "normal, routine process." The paper suspended print publication after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, but continued to operate in Russia.

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