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A Just Russia Party Leader Sergei Mironov Appears in Public Months After Unexplained Injury

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Sergei Mironov. **Moskva News Agency**

Sergei Mironov, leader of the left-leaning A Just Russia party, appeared in public for the first time in three months on Monday following an unexplained injury that fueled rumors about his health.

"I'm feeling good and glad to be at the workplace in the State Duma," Mironov said in comments published on his Telegram channel.

Mironov, 73, stopped appearing in public in late August, with party officials explaining at the time that he had suffered a "minor injury" during a work trip and was under medical supervision. State television only aired audio recordings of Mironov's voice during his absence.

The timing of his withdrawal from public life was unusual as it came at the height of the

campaign for elections to the lower-house State Duma, the country's first parliamentary vote since the 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

Rumors surrounding the state of Mironov's health swirled after he was notably not among the party leaders who met with President Vladimir Putin following the elections. He was also absent from A Just Russia's anniversary event in October.

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In Monday's remarks, Mironov acknowledged for the first time that his health condition was more serious than initially disclosed.

"As many probably know, I suffered an injury at the end of August. It turned out to be more serious than it seemed at first, and the prognosis was not the most favorable," he said, adding that he worked remotely while undergoing treatment.

Earlier, the exiled Russian news outlets Meduza and Vyorstka, citing anonymous sources, reported that Mironov was hospitalized with severe complications following his injury and may have been placed on a ventilator.

Independent reports at the time suggested Mironov appeared disoriented and lost his train of thought during an Aug. 21 trip to the Altai region in Siberia. Mironov's car was said to have been involved in a traffic accident on the way to the airport in Altai.

The Moscow Times could not independently verify those reports.

Mironov's medical diagnosis has not been made public.

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