

Moskovskiye Novosti to Be Relaunched

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RIA–Novosti and the Vremya publishing house have agreed to relaunch the once-influential Moskovskiye Novosti as a daily newspaper, the news agency reported Monday.

Vremya Novostei, a daily newspaper, would provide the editorial resources, while RIA–Novosti would contribute the brand name and “media infrastructure” for the project, which is to be introduced next year, the report said.

Moskovskiye Novosti was first published in Russian in 1980, and the weekly paper became a major mouthpiece of liberal commentators during Mikhail Gorbachev’s perestroika.

The paper was closed in 2008 by its last owner, Israeli businessman Arkady Gaidamak, who cited business reasons for the move.

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