

Triumfalnaya Rally Allowed

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The interim Moscow city government has authorized the opposition to rally on Triumfalnaya Ploshchad after denying 11 similar requests since 2009, Interfax said Wednesday.

But the protesters are only permitted to rally on Oct. 31 at the back of the square, and the number of participants must be limited to 200, not 1,500 as originally requested, said Lyudmila Alexeyeva, an organizer of the event.

Opposition activists attempt to hold rallies on the 31st of each month to draw attention to Article 31 of the Constitution, which grants freedom of assembly.

Last week, Kremlin deputy chief of staff Vladislav Surkov spoke against the ban on Triumfalnaya rallies. But a request for a similar event in St. Petersburg was rejected by city authorities Wednesday, Interfax said. ☒

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