

Hotel Protests Fail

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Moscow police on Tuesday detained five people protesting the construction of a downtown hotel that local residents say is destroying neighboring homes, allowing the onsite work to proceed, Interfax reported.

Locals say the project, developed by Studia Trite, a company controlled by Oscar-winning film director Nikita Mikhalkov, was approved on falsified paperwork and endangers 19th-century houses on Maly Kozikhinsky Pereulok.

The work was blocked by protesters Friday but has now resumed, Interfax said. A city official said Monday that the residents' complaints were being checked.

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