

Kremlin Shuffles Army

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President Dmitry Medvedev has sacked three army generals and appointed a number of other top brass to new positions, the Kremlin said on its web site Tuesday, without providing reasons for the reshuffle.

Nikolai Vaganov, Alexander Ionov and Alexander Mazharov, all senior generals, were discharged from the military, the statement said.

Major-Generals Valery Konurkin and Yury Petrushkov got new posts at the military's educational establishments, and Colonels Igor Afonin and Leonid Mikholap received new rocket divisions under their command.

Lieutenant-General Alexander Miroshnichenko was appointed an aide to Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov, who has been embroiled in a dispute with a group of veteran paratroopers this month.

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