

Kudrin Preparing to Meet Prokhorov

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Former Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin plans to meet with billionaire politician Mikhail Prokhorov within the next few weeks to discuss possible cooperation.

"Prokhorov and I agreed to meet in the coming weeks to discuss future prospects," Kudrin wrote on Twitter in response to a question asking whether he would join forces with the former presidential candidate.

Kudrin had said earlier that he would contribute to the emergence of a new liberal party, and Prokhorov has also stated that he would like to create a political party.

A day earlier, Kudrin also announced that he would create a fund to support civic initiatives and reaffirmed that he would not work in the current government.

He also reiterated that he had no intention of joining the incoming government of President-elect Vladimir Putin. Speculation has long swirled that Putin would ask Kudrin to be prime minister.

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