

Kiev Grapples With Snow and Scandal

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KIEV — Residents of the Ukrainian capital suspect that the city is trying to pull a fast one on them about its efforts to clean up from a paralyzing blizzard.

A photo that appeared on the Kiev administration's website Sunday after a snowfall of 50 centimeters shows three snowplows clearing a street.

The trouble is the street is actually in Moscow.

Russia's Itar-Tass news agency said Monday that it was an agency photo taken last November and retouched to remove the name of the snowplows' Russian operator.

Kiev city administration spokeswoman Kateryna Baranova said the photo was a "regrettable technical mistake" but did not elaborate.

The photo was removed from the site, but not before some frame grabs of it were posted on Facebook, prompting comments such as "shame."

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