

Memorial Office Searched Again

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The Moscow office of human rights organization Memorial was searched by officials for the second time in a week, part of an ongoing series of raids on nongovernmental organizations across the country.

Officials from the Federal Tax Service, the Justice Ministry and the Moscow prosecutor's office came to Memorial but did not take any documents, said the organization's spokeswoman, Yulia Klimova.

"They said they would come on Thursday and take all the documents," Klimova told Interfax, adding that she believed the searches were a pressure tactic.

The Justice Ministry said Monday that the purpose of the checks was to determine which NGOs needed to comply with a law passed last year that requires groups receiving foreign funding and conducting "political activity" to declare themselves "foreign agents."

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