

## What the Papers Say, July 3, 2013

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### Kommersant

1. Ivan Safronov article headlined "Proton falls apart into elementary particles" gives details of the failure at the launch of a Proton-M rocket with three Glonass navigation satellites from the Baikonur cosmodrome. The incident will result in a major reform of the space sector; pp 1, 3 (974 words).
2. Maxim Ivanov et al. report headlined "Scientific doubts pester deputies" says the State Duma will start hearing a bill on the Russian Academy of Sciences reform. The bill drafted by the government has not been supported by any faction so far; pp 1-2 (615 words).
3. Sergei Mashkin article headlined "Pilot signs under catastrophe" reports on the Mi-8 crash in Yakutia where 25 people have been killed. An investigation into the crash is under way; pp 1, 4 (600 words).

4. Yekaterina Gerashchenko et al. report headlined "Railway station for three" says the British retail network WHSmith has become a partner of Russian Railways selling the press at railway stations; pp 1, 7 (549 words).
5. Alexandra Chernykh article headlined "Reform explained to academicians" says the Education and Science Ministry has started working with researchers trying to persuade them in the need for the Academy of Sciences reform. Officials have already won over the Siberian branch of the academy; p 2 (659 words).
6. Natalya Korchenkova and Sergei Goryashko article headlined "Central Electoral Commission ready to find foreign property" says the newly adopted restrictions for candidates taking part in elections will be tested in the Moscow mayoral election. The candidates have to get rid of their foreign property; p 2 (444 words).
7. Sofya Samokhina article headlined "Amnesty reduced by one head" says the State Duma has passed the presidential bill on economic crimes amnesty; p 2 (569 words).
8. Anna Pushkarskaya article headlined "Intellectual Rights Court opens with groan" says the Intellectual Rights Arbitration Court opens in Russia today as President Vladimir Putin has finally approved the list of the judges; p 3 (566 words).
9. Yelena Kiseleva article headlined "Kremlin Arsenal reinforced with large calibre" says Maj-Gen Vladimir Fedotov from the Federal Bodyguard Service may become the head of the Kremlin Arsenal NGO engaged in developing state defense programs; p 5 (594 words).
10. Sergei Strokan article headlined "Egyptian president loses army, police and government" says the Egyptian president is losing control over the situation in the country and features a pundit's comment; p 6 (612 words).
11. Pavel Tarasenko article headlined "Nothing left from Geneva-2" says that talks between Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry have shown that the sides have realized that it will be impossible to hold the peace conference on Syria. Moreover, Moscow has, in fact, rejected U.S. President Barack Obama's initiative on arms reduction; p 6 (492 words).
12. Kabay Karabekov report "Russia to obtain Dastan" says that Kyrgyzstan is ready to sell its defense plant Dastan and Russia has shown interest in the facility; p 6 (600 words).

## Nezavisimaya Gazeta

1. Sergei Kulikov article headlined "Arab sheikhs do not support Vladimir Putin" says that Putin has failed to unite various strategies of gas exporters at the international gas forum in Moscow; pp 1, 4 (895 words).
2. Ada Gorbacheva and Andrei Vaganov article headlined "More scary than alcohol and drugs" says internet addiction is turning into a real problem worldwide, while the authorities ignore the problem; pp 1, 8 (1,154 words).
3. Viktor Myasnikov article headlined "Doomed Glonass" says that yet another failure of the Proton-M rocket launch has shown the complete degradation of the Russian space sector; pp 1, 4 (1,058 words).
4. Ivan Rodin article headlined "Three thousands of thanks to head of state" says the State Duma has approved the economic amnesty for a limited number of people serving terms for economic crimes; pp 1, 3 (558 words).
5. Vladimir Skosyrev article headlined "Snowden gets disappointed in Russia" says CIA whistleblower Edward Snowden has changed his mind over political asylum in Russia following Putin's demand that he should stop anti-American activities against the United States. Europe is not hurrying to offer asylum to Snowden either; pp 1, 7 (746 words).
6. Tatyana Ivzhenko and Svetlana Fedorova article headlined "Ukrainian village declares war on police" reports on a situation in Ukraine where local people have spoken out against the arbitrary rule of the local police; pp 1, 6 (1,124 words).
7. Vladimir Mukhin article headlined "Anti-NATO Caspian alliance" says that Moscow and Tehran are getting ready for the first joint military exercise in the Caspian Sea; p 2 (632 words).
8. Editorial headlined "All countries do that" says that a spy scandal caused by information leaked by Snowden will affect the economic cooperation between the U.S. and the EU; p 2 (552 words).
9. Viktor Litovkin article headlined "Carte blanche: Iskanders ask for roof" says the Armed Forces lack facilities to station and maintain new arms bought by the Defense Ministry; p 3 (692 words).

10. Alexei Gorbachev report "Permanent 'Bolotnaya justice'" says that today, the Moscow city court will continue to hear the so-called Bolotnaya case of unrest on Moscow's Bolotnaya Square on 6 May 2012. Meanwhile, the opposition has called on people to stage protests on Red Square on the 6th of each month; p 3 (950 words).
11. Ivan Rodin report "Political lustration" says that the government has suggested that people suspected of extremism be banned from public activities for term of life; p 3 (600 words).
12. Yevgenia Novikova article headlined "Army supports opposition" says the Egyptian Armed Forces will protect the people from the dictator and Islamists as the military demand that the country leadership start talks with protesters, and features a pundit's comment; p 7 (865 words).
13. Alexander Verkhovsky report "June attack on 'Islamic extremism'" says that toughening punishment for extremism will make the work of law enforcers easier, but will not help counter radicals; p 1 of supplement "NG Religions" (900 words).
14. Andrei Melnikov interview with Yelena Dunayeva, senior researcher of the Middle East Studies center at the Institute of Oriental Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences, who analyses the results of the presidential election in Iran; p 6 of supplement "NG Religions" (2,300 words).

## **Vedomosti**

1. Milana Chelpanova and Maxim Tovkaylo article headlined "Vladimir Yakunin asks money for Transsib" says that Russian Railways has warned the government that investment in new infrastructure projects supported by Putin cannot be paid back, so budget funding should be allocated for them; pp 1, 12 (622 words).
2. Editorial headlined "Rosnauka [Russian science] corporation" says the Russian Academy of Sciences reform is timely, but it should be well planned; pp 1, 6 (416 words).
3. Polina Khimshiashvili and Alexei Nikolsky article headlined "Not our person" says Edward Snowden's decision not to seek political asylum in Russia will improve Russian-U.S. relations; p 3 (376 words).
4. Another editorial headlined "We fail to get along" says recent public opinion polls have shown that most Russians note changes in their own behavior and in the character of people

they know, but they blame external reasons for that; p 6 (281 words).

5. Lilia Biryukova report "Dried up amnesty" says that the State Duma has adopted the economic amnesty having further decreased the number of convicts that can be amnestied; p 2 (950 words).

6. Anna Gallay report "Duma's bans are popular" says that according to a Levada Center poll, Russians mainly support the laws "On protection of believers' feelings" and "On protection of children from information that damages their health and development"; p 3 (400 words).

7. Valery Kodachigov report "Trikolor TV consolidates in Moscow" says that in the second quarter of 2013, the National Satellite Company (Trikolor TV) came the first in terms of the number of subscribers to digital TV; p 16 (450 words).

## **Rossiiskaya Gazeta**

1. Natalya Yachmennikova article headlined "Proton lower" says that yet another rocket launch failure has hit hard the Russian image; pp 1, 7 (1,200 words).

2. Jacob Heilbrunn interview "What has happened to Obama?" with Zbigniew Brzezinski, former U.S. National Security Adviser, speaking on President Barack Obama's policy, the U.S. foreign policy and the Syrian crisis; pp 1, 8 (2,000 words).

3. Article by political expert Nikolay Zlobin headlined "News is our profession" speaks on the importance of the Valdai political discussion club in Russia; p 3 (800 words).

4. Tamara Shkel report "If amnesty happens tomorrow" looks at the economic amnesty approved by the State Duma; pp 1, 3 (1,200 words).

5. Yevgeny Shestakov article headlined "Not included in agenda" reports on the talks between Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and notes that U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden was not on the agenda; p 8 (700 words).

6. Fedor Lukyanov report "Morsi and Mandela" looks at the situation in Egypt and South Africa; p 8 (800 words).

7. Unattributed article "Five scenarios of war" features extracts from Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin's speech at the meeting at the newspaper's office dedicated to military

and defense issues; p 12 (2,700 words).

## **Izvestia**

1. Alena Sivkova interview "We suggest that Navalny contact police" with Alexei Shaposhnikov, chairman of the Moscow municipal districts council, speaking on mayoral hopefuls gathering signatures of municipal deputies to get registered as official candidates for the Moscow mayoral election; pp 1, 4 (682 words).
2. Svetlana Subbotina and Yulia Tsoy article headlined "Financing of Skolkovo and Rosnano to be cut by one-third" says the government plans to reduce funding of innovation in 2014; pp 1, 4 (572 words).
3. Alexander Grigoryev article headlined "Zolotov appointed deputy commander of internal troops" says chief of the presidential security service Viktor Zolotov has been appointed deputy commander of the Interior Ministry's internal troops; pp 1, 4 (320 words).
4. Alena Sivkova article headlined "Senator Ivanov leaves Federation Council" says that the senator representing Ingushetia in the Federation Council, Nikita Ivanov, is stepping down from his post; pp 1-2 (458 words).
5. Viktor Loginov report "Russia to lose \$300 million because of Proton accident" looks at the damage caused by the crash of the Proton-M launch vehicle carrying three Glonass satellites; pp 1, 3 (700 words).
6. Anna Akhmediyeva article headlined "Public TV audience prefers news" says a poll of the Public television audience shows that people prefer news bulletins broadcast by the television channel; p 3 (433 words).
7. Konstantin Volkov report "Junta to take over power in Egypt" says that the army is strengthening its position in Egypt and features a pundit's comment on the issue; p 7 (700 words).
8. Maria Gorkovskaya report "Assange to fight for himself and Snowden in election in Australia" says that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will stand in the election in Australia. A political analyst comments on the situation; p 7 (800 words).
9. Igor Yavlyansky report "Verdict to 'Russian spies' opens road to their exchange" says that a couple in Germany has been convicted of spying for Russia; p 7 (450 words).

10. Anna Akhmadiyeva interview with Dmitry Solopov, former Kommersant FM radio editor in chief, who has launched a new radio station in Ukraine; p 8 (715 words).

## **Moskovsky Komsomolets**

1. Alexandra Minkin comment headlined "God have mercy upon us" says the Proton rocket launch failure "seems to be god's anger", so it will be hard to find officials to blame for the crash; pp 1, 3 (883 words).

2. Mikhail Rostovsky article headlined "Patriotism or masochism?" analyses patriotic feelings of Russians in the past and at present; pp 1, 5 (3,944 words).

3. Darya Tyukova article headlined "Snowden told no" looks at the reasons for Russian President Vladimir Putin's setting strict conditions for Edward Snowden's asylum; pp 1, 3 (843 words).

4. Mikhail Rostovsky article headlined "Abramovich is honest, however" comments on billionaire Roman Abramovich's decision to leave the post of Chukotka Region legislative assembly chairman due to the foreign assets ownership ban; pp 1-2 (761 words).

## **Novaya Gazeta**

1. Alexandra Mineyev article headlined "Everybody knew that, but were afraid to say it aloud" says the information leaked by Edward Snowden has made the U.S. and the EU authorities try to justify their actions for the public; p 7 (662 words).

2. Yevgeny Titov article headlined "Cracking whip" says the Kuban Cossacks have become a new powerful group impervious to the law; p 17 (800 words).

## **Noviye Izvestia**

1. Gennady Petrov and Vladimir Vodo article headlined "I, Edward Snowden..." features the text of a letter written by U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden to ask for political asylum in Poland; pp 1-2 (544 words).

2. Anna Alexeyeva interview with Kirill Kabanov, chairman of the National Anti-corruption

Committee, saying that the Moscow Region gambling case is likely to be closed, as too many high-ranking officials are involved in the scandal; pp 1, 5 (456 words).

## **RBC Daily**

1. Irina Uzbekova article headlined "'This looked like launches of first rockets'" features experts' comments on the recent crash of the Proton-M carrier rocket; p 7 (500 words).

## **Komsomolskaya Pravda**

1. Yulia Smirnova and Ksenia Konyukhova article headlined "Black stripe of Russian astronautics" features an expert comment on the recent crash of the Proton-M carrier rocket; p 6 (300 words).

2. Alexander Milkus article headlined "Rockets made with dirty hands fly poorly" comments on the Proton-M crash; p 6 (300 words).

3. Varvara Onishchenko article headlined "Egypt's army issues ultimatum to president" features a Russian expert's comment on the events in Cairo; p 7 (300 words).

4. Yevgeny Frolov article headlined "Leader of Young Russia Maxim Mishchenko: 'Lev Ponomarev did politics, not human rights activism'" slams the leader of the For Human Rights movement; p 11 (1,100 words).

5. Yevgeny Chernykh article headlined "Who are you, Mr Snowden?" features an interview with intelligence expert Yelena Larina on the situation with CIA whistleblower Edward Snowden; p 12 (2,400 words).

## **Argumenty i Fakty**

1. Sergei Osipov article headlined "He knows too much" focuses on CIA whistleblower Edward Snowden; p 7 (1,000 words).

2. Darya Buravchikova article headlined "To wake up science" features numerous comments on the reform of the Russian Academy of Sciences; p 12 (1,300 words).



3. Ivan Polynin et al. article headlined "New Russian ... 'Muslim women'" focuses on the rise of Islam in Russia; pp 14-15 (1,400 words)

## **Krasnaya Zvezda**

1. Vladimir Levchuk article headlined "Sevmash has ocean of tasks" features an interview with a deputy general director of the Sevmash shipbuilding company; p 4 (2,000 words).

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