

What the Papers Say, Jan. 10, 2013

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Izvestia

1. Alena Sivkova article headlined "Audit Chamber to check all budget bills" says that the Audit Chamber will check all the bills and state programs envisaging the use of budget funds; pp 1, 4 (455 words).
2. Svetlana Povoraznyuk and Anna Akhmadyeva article headlined "Moskovskiye Novosti awaits verdict" says that the fate of the Moskovskiye Novosti newspaper, which used to be part of the RIA Novosti holding company, is in the air as the management of the international news agency Rossia Segodnya, which has replaced the RIA Novosti, is discussing the options; pp 1, 3 (493 words).
3. Anastasia Kashevarova article headlined "Federal Protection Service to begin to monitor extremists via networks" says that the Federal Protection Service will conduct daily

monitoring of posts of all Russian bloggers aiming to reveal and make a database of people critical of the authorities. The move is supposed to help prevent terrorist attacks and other extremist incidents, a source in the service says; pp 1, 4 (532 words).

4. Sergei Podosenov article headlined "Spokesmen for Russian Orthodox Church back Ivan Okhlobystin" looks at the reaction to priest and actor Ivan Okhlobystin's letter addressed to the president, in which he has asked to re-introduce punishment for homosexuality or initiate a referendum on the issue; pp 1, 3 (574 words).

5. Yelena Teslova article headlined "Vladimir Ryzhkov takes Republican Party from Parnas" says that the Republican Party headed by Vladimir Ryzhkov may leave the RPR-Parnas coalition as its leaders cannot come to agreement on basic issues, including the strategy of the coalition; p 2 (771 words).

6. Olesya Yelkova article headlined "Russian Air Transport Agency warns airports about possible terrorist attacks" says that the Federal Air Transport Agency has warned heads of airports that terrorist attacks may take place from Jan. 7 to March 21, that is, during the preparation for and holding of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi; p 3 (330 words).

7. Maria Gorkovskaya article headlined "European Parliament wants to hear Edward Snowden out in April" says that the EP wants former CIA contractor Edward Snowden to answer questions on overall surveillance by the U.S. special services in the form of a video link in order to ensure his security; p 7 (316 words).

8. Konstantin Volkov article headlined "Russia, West seek those responsible for military actions in Syria" says that Russia's blocking another resolution on Syria will not affect preparations for the Geneva 2 peace conference; p 7 (500 words).

9. Article by political analyst Alexander Rahr headlined "Sochi 2014 and horizons of big politics" says that the Sochi Olympics are a unique chance for Russia to assert itself as an open, contemporary and respectable country; p 9 (591 words).

10. Article by political analyst Kirill Benediktov headlined "Russia and Germany: Cooperation without diplomatic excuses" says that Germany's role in the world is growing and says that that if Angela Merkel decides to attend the Sochi Olympics, it will be an obvious signal that Berlin is ready to develop cooperation with Moscow; p 9 (950 words).

11. Article by historian Stanislav Khatuntsev headlined "What should world expect from Geneva 2?" says that 2013 was a turning point in the Syrian crisis and looks at the prospects of the Geneva 2 peace conference; p 9 (869 words).

12. Dmitry Runkevich report "Investigative Committee sets up own academy" says that the government has drafted an instruction in which it agrees with the arguments of the Investigative Committee that the agency needs an academy; pp 1, 3 (600 words).
13. Denis Telmanov report "Debtors and bankrupts to be barred from military orders" says that companies with big debts to the state will not be allowed to work with military orders; pp 1, 3 (400 words).
14. Natalya Bashlykova report "Opposition ready to fight for post of mayor of Novosibirsk" looks at the election of Novosibirsk mayor that will take place before the single voting day in September; p 2 (1,100 words).
15. Rafael Fakhrutdinov report "Editor of Ura.ru gets suspended sentence" looks at the verdict in the case of former editor in chief of the Ura.ru news agency Aksana Panova; p 2 (400 words).
16. Pavel Kochegarov report "Militants suspected of series of murders in Stavropol Region" looks at the probe into several recent murders in the region; p 5 (750 words).
17. Yulia Kozlenkova report "Olympic volunteers on duty at airports" says that volunteers are on round-the-clock duty at Moscow airports; p 8 (400 words).

Rossiiskaya Gazeta

1. Ivan Yegorov interview with Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika headlined "Legal issue" where he speaks about the most common crimes in Russia, reasons behind aircraft crashes, corruption and capital flight; pp 1, 9 (2600 words).
2. Roman Markelov and Yulia Potapova article headlined "Central Bank: With new energy" says that the Central Bank has revoked a licence from Novokuznetsk Municipal Bank; pp 1, 5 (500 words).
3. Tamara Shkel article headlined "Blood group" says that following blasts in Volgograd, a member of the LDPR faction in the State Duma has suggested that criminal liability be imposed not only on terrorists, but on members of their families as well; p 3 (450 words).
4. Tatyana Zykova and Alexei Mikhailov article headlined "Sailors have questions" looks at the reasons behind the detention of the Russian fishing boat Oleg Naydyonov by the Senegalese military off the coast of West Africa; p 7 (850 words).

5. Article by Yevgeny Yasin headlined "Will we catch up or not?" analyses the current state of the Russian economy and gives a forecast of its development in the short-term period; p 5 (1,000 words).

6. Yekaterina Grigoryeva article headlined "Believe specified" analyses how Putin's decrees of May 2013 will be carried out in 2014; p 2 (1,300 words)

7. Yekaterina Dobrynina article headlined "What is the Russian for democracy?" explains what the word democracy means for ordinary Russians, quoting the results of the research carried out by the Institute of Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences; p 11 (2,650 words).

Moskovsky Komsomolets

1. Irina Badmayeva and Nikolai Makeyev article headlined "Generals of empty cash dispensers: Novokuznetsk scandal" says that yet another regional bank has been stripped of its licence, this time over charges against its head suspected of illegal withdrawal of funds; p 2 (571 words).

2. Yelena Gamayun article headlined "Sentenced to ban on profession" says that Aksana Panova, former head of the Urals-based news agency Ura.ru, has got a suspended sentence of two years and has been banned from working in the mass media for two years. Article features a comment by Yekaterinburg mayor Yevgeny Roizman; p 2 (767 words).

3. Natalya Rozhkova article headlined "Re-elected ahead of crisis" features experts' comments on the most recent rating of regional heads; p 2 (582 words).

4. Article by political analyst Stanislav Belkovsky headlined "Perverse games with Russia" comments on Ivan Okhlobystin's letter to the president, in which he has asked to impose criminal liability for homosexuality, and looks at the reaction it has triggered; p 3 (1,053 words).

5. Ignat Kalinin and Mikhail Maslov article headlined "Are extremists killing taxi drivers?" ponders on who may be behind the murders of taxi drivers in the Stavropol region; pp 1-2 (400 words).

Novaya Gazeta

1. Unattributed article headlined "Proven by experiment: They are really 'untouchable'" says that law-enforcement agencies have dismissed the newspaper's request to check if a person on the Magnitsky list, former tax officer Pavel Karpov, who went to the High Court of London to sue head of the Hermitage Capital foundation William Browder for libel, has legally obtained his wealth sufficient to hire expensive lawyers in London and pay for PR services; p 5 (647 words).
2. Yulia Latynina article headlined "Senegal, Greenpeace and China" says that the detention of the Russian ship Oleg Naydenov by the Senegalese military has shown the degradation of Russia's image and influence on the international arena; pp 8-9 (1,410 words).
3. Irek Murtazin article headlined "Unconditional ban" comments on the sentence and a ban on work in the mass media for Aksana Panova, former chief editor of the Ura.ru news agency based in Yekaterinburg; p 3 (610 words).
4. Andrei Kolesnikov article headlined "To be at home in one year" says that the president has signed a bill on criminal punishment for calls to actions against Russia's territorial integrity and comments on the novelty; p 9 (793 words).
5. Galina Agapova et al. report "Britain's correction" says that the British Embassy in Moscow has denied a visa to the newspaper's correspondent who is persecuted in Russia; p 5 (350 words).
6. Leonid Nikitinsky report "Head of Prof Savva" looks at Prof Mikhail Savva from Kuban University, an expert in ethnic conflicts, who has been detained on charges of fraud and embezzlement; pp 10-11 (2,400 words).

Komsomolskaya Pravda

1. Dmitry Smirnov report "Russia will build 20 nuclear units around the world" looks at the meeting of Vladimir Putin with head of the Russian State Nuclear Energy Corporation, or Rosatom, Sergei Kiryenko to sum up the results of 2013 and discuss the corporation's plans for the near future; p 2 (300 words).
2. Yelena Krivyakina report "Order to keep railway stations in metal detector frames" says that Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and Mayor Sergei Sobyenin have inspected Moscow's Kursky railway station to check its security; p 2 (500 words).
3. Yegor Kholmogorov report "Police at bed of sodomite" comments on showman Ivan

Okhlobystin's open letter to Putin, urging him to restore the Soviet-era law that banned homosexual relations; p 5 (500 words).

4. Tatyana Gushchina et al. report "Militants shoot taxi drivers and plant bombs in their cars" looks at killings of six taxi drivers in the Stavropol region; p 6 (700 words).

5. Alexander Igorev report "Will terrorists' relatives be punished financially?" says that a State Duma member from Liberal Democratic Party of Russia has tabled with the parliament a bill that increases the responsibility of parents for their children who have committed crimes; p 6 (250 words).

Tvoy Den

1. Anton Stepanov report "Tracing devils" looks at the murders of six taxi drivers in the Stavropol region and says that three people from Russia's southern republics are wanted for the crimes; pp 4-5 (650 words).

Zavtra

1. Unattributed article "Freedom is inextinguishable like sun" looks at the meeting of the newspaper's editor in chief Alexander Prokhanov with Khaled Mashal, a Palestinian political leader and the leader of the Hamas political bureau, in Qatar; pp 1-2 (3,700 words).

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