

Putin Grants Defense Ministry More Power After Reshuffle

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President Vladimir Putin approved on Monday changes to his governmental ministries that would grant more power to the country's Defense Ministry, among others.

At a meeting with Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, Putin agreed to dissolve the Federal Service for Defense Contracts, Rosoboronzakaz, as well as the Federal Agency on Delivery of Arms, known as Rosoboronpostavki, Russian news agencies reported.

Their functions are to be transferred to the Defense Ministry, Industry and Trade Ministry, the Federal Anti-Monopoly Service and the Accounting Chamber.

Putin also approved the abolishing of the Regional Development Ministry and its functions are to be spread across several ministries.

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