

'Celebrity' Crimean Prosecutor Natalya Poklonskaya to Take Anti-Corruption Role

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Former Crimean Prosecutor General, Natalya Poklonskaya, is to take a key anti-corruption position in Russia's State Duma, the <u>RBC newspaper reported</u> Monday.

Poklonskaya, who gained widespread online fame in her previous role, is to head the parliamentary⊠committee charged with ensuring that deputies have declared their⊠full incomes to the Russian government, said Sergei⊠Neverov, head of⊠United Russia's General Council.

Speaking to RBC on Sunday, Neverov said that Russia's newly-elected State Duma would

have 26 committees. Thirteen committees will be led by United Russia politicians, five will be led by Communist Party deputies, five by the LDPR and three by A Just Russia Party members, he said. The number is down from the 30 State Duma committees prior to the elections last Sunday.

In other key⊠positions, the new chair of the Security Committee is reported to be⊠former deputy head of the Investigative Committee Vasily Piskarev,⊠RBC reported, citing two unidentified United Russia sources.

The Kremlin also confirmed on Saturday⊠that Alexander Zhukov would⊠serve as deputy Duma speaker under Vyacheslav⊠Volodin. Zhukov 's deputies will be⊠controversial United Russia lawmaker Irina⊠ Yarovaya, former media personality Pyotr⊠Tolstoy, and Sergei⊠Neverov himself.

The ongoing political reshuffle follows Russia's parliamentary elections on Sept. 18. The vote saw a decisive victory for United Russia, who gained a super-majority in Russia's lower house of parliament, the State Duma.

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