

Putin's Election Promises Failed to Deliver, Admits Putin-led Watchdog

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has implemented just 28 of his election promises, the pro-government group All-Russia People's Front (ONF) has announced.

Putin signed 218 of his pre-election pledges into law on his inauguration day in 2012 as part of a legislative package known as “the May Orders.”

Deadlines for 171 of Putin's promises, many of which focus on the country's long-term economic and social policies, have already passed.

“At this time, 16 percent [of the orders] have been fully carried out,” said Alexander Brechalov, co-chairman of the ONF's central staff in a press conference on Tuesday. “Another 53 percent require more work, and 31 percent have not been implemented,” he said.

The ONF, a political group which elected Putin as its leader in 2013, has been tasked with

assessing the government's work to implement the pledges.

The government announced in May 2015 that they had already put 139 of the orders into action.

Among the objectives included in the May Orders were the creation of 25 million jobs in the high-tech sector by 2020, a 200-percent increase in doctors' average salaries by 2018 and the addition of 250,000 contract servicemen to the Russian army by 2017.

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