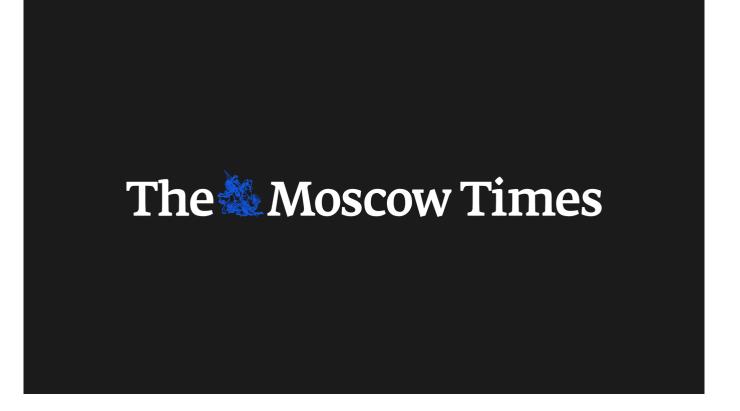


Russia to Face Further Sanctions For Doping at Sochi Olympics, Says IOC Head

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The head of the International Olympic ■Committee (IOC) has pledged that Russia will face further sanctions ■over illegal doping.

Thomas Bach told <u>The New York Times</u> ■ that the IOC would take action despite new antidoping measures ■ introduced by President Putin.

"We have the impression that some in ■Russia were thinking that by addressing the issues for the future, the ■past would be forgotten," Mr. Bach said in an interview on Tuesday. ■ "You cannot forget what happened in Sochi. We have made clear that ■ the past — what happened there — has to be sanctioned."

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An independent report by the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) in 2016 accused the Russian state of accurrying out a massive operation to cover-up positive drug tests for Russian athletes at major competitions.

Investigators found evidence that 12⊠Russian athletes who won medals at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in⊠Sochi had substituted their drug test samples with help from the⊠Federal Security Service (FSB) and the Russian Sports Ministry.

The findings led to dozens of Russian ■athletes being barred from competing in the 2016 Olympic Games in ■Brazil, and the entirety of the country's Paralympic team being ■suspended from the tournament.

Twenty-four Russian Olympians are now facing provisional disciplinary proceedings, but no Sochi athletes have been stripped of their medals.

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