

# Your Guide to Medvedev's New Cabinet

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Newly inaugurated Russian President Vladimir Putin has nominated Dmitry Medvedev to lead the country's new government as Prime Minister.

On Monday, Medvedev proposed several candidates to assist him in carrying out the president's [ambitious](#) domestic policy agenda.

Here's a look at the new and familiar ministers who — barring another shakeup — will serve in the Russian government until 2024.

## **Who's in**

Medvedev elevated Finance Minister Anton Siluanov to Igor Shuvalov's post as first deputy prime minister, while recommending for Siluanov to maintain leadership of the ministry.

Ex-Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko looks to have survived Russia's international doping scandal and his lifetime ban from the Olympics and has been offered the post of deputy prime minister in charge of construction.

"We try to never cave under outside circumstances," Medvedev said when suggesting Mutko's candidacy, to laughter among Duma deputies during a [televised](#) meeting.

Deputy Prime Minister Olga Golodets was offered to take over Mutko's sports portfolio as well as take charge of cultural development.

Dmitry Kozak will cede construction to Mutko and instead will focus on the industrial and energy sectors.

Although Medvedev didn't mention Yury Trutnev's name at the Duma meeting Monday, the official expects to keep his post as deputy prime minister and envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District, according to the [Interfax](#) and [TASS](#) news agencies.

## Who's out

Medvedev failed to mention first deputy prime minister Igor Shuvalov's name when listing proposals for his new cabinet. The former senior cabinet official who took office in 2008 has long been [rumored](#) to be replaced in 2018.

Dmitry Rogozin has since 2012 overseen Russia's defense and space industries, the latter dogged by [accidents](#) and [delays](#).

Sergei Prikhodko, a foreign policy adviser to Russia's leaders for more than two [decades](#), has this year been [embroiled](#) in a scandal seen in the United States as evidence of suspected interference in its 2016 presidential election.

Arkady Dvorkovich, who was also not named, has alongside Shuvalov positioned himself as the champion of private business, though with limited success in an economy dominated by the state.

The four [officials](#) above [have](#) been [featured](#) in opposition leader Alexei Navalny's corruption investigations in recent years. Anti-corruption activists have also [targeted](#) Medvedev over alleged corruption, leading to mass protests in early 2017.

"We form the government," Navalny [tweeted](#) in jest after news emerged of the early overhaul.

While the reshuffles came as a "complete surprise" to Dvorkovich and Rogozin, Alexander

Khloponin still hopes to keep his post after no other candidates were handed his North Caucasus and alcohol market portfolio, the Bell news outlet [reported](#).

## **New names**

Alexei Gordeyev, [former](#) agriculture minister and presidential [envoy](#) to Russia's Central Federal District, was tapped to return to oversee the agricultural sector.

Tatyana Golikova, a former health and social development minister, aide to President Vladimir Putin, and ex-chief of the audit chamber, was offered to curate social policy, healthcare, education, pensions and labor.

Deputy Defense Minister Yury Borisov was offered Rogozin's defense industry portfolio.

Maxim Akimov, former deputy chief of staff of the government's [executive](#) office, was tipped to oversee transport and communications.

Medvedev's university [classmate](#) and former presidential [aide](#) Konstantin Chuichenko was tapped to take over [Prikhodko's](#) post as Chief of Staff of the Government Executive Office.

In the meantime, ex-Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin's long-rumored appointment remains a mystery. Putin's newly signed [decree](#) targeting rapid economic growth by 2024 in many ways mirrors Kudrin's proposed reform program, [according](#) to the Bell.

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