

# Putin Makes Vladivostok the Capital of Russia's Far East, Replacing Khabarovsk

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President Vladimir Putin [signed](#) a decree Thursday making Vladivostok the capital of Russia's Far Eastern Federal District, replacing the old capital of Khabarovsk.

In October 2018, the acting governor of Primorsky Krai, Oleg Kozhemyako, [proposed](#) to transfer the capital of the Far Eastern Federal District from Khabarovsk to Vladivostok, citing economic incentives.

The proposal was met with criticism by officials in Khabarovsk. Both the [mayor](#) of Khabarovsk and the [governor](#) of the region publicly expressed their opposition to the proposal.

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