

# News From Russia: What You Missed Over the Weekend

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Russia experienced its warmest October since records began. **TASS**

## High-profile killing

The head of the Russian Interior Ministry's Anti-Extremism Center in the North Caucasus republic of Ingushetia was [shot](#) dead along with his brother in Moscow on Saturday evening, Russian prosecutors said in a statement. No arrests have yet been made.

Ibragim Eldzharkiyev was named head of the Anti -Extremism Center in 2018 after his predecessor, Timur Khamkhoyev, was given seven years in prison for torturing six detainees.

## Sick leave

Russia in August delayed the evacuation of a sick American military attache to a German hospital by a few hours, the New York Times [reported](#), based on accounts from several anonymous Trump administration officials. According to the report, the officer was eventually safely evacuated and has since recovered.

## Getting Hot

Russia experienced its warmest October since records began in 1891, the country's Meteorological Center [said](#) on Saturday. The center added that 2019 is likely to be the hottest year ever recorded in Russia and the northern hemisphere.

## No alliance yet

Relations between Russia and China "have never been at such a high and trusting level" but the two countries are not planning a military alliance, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov [said](#) on Friday.

Lavrov said the two countries' decision to not form any military alliances stems from their unwillingness to use their relationship against third parties.

## Not Essential

The construction of Gazprom's Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline did not depend on Denmark's permission, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov [said](#) on Sunday.

"We had been waiting for Denmark's permission for a long time. It was very important but not vital for the project. The project would have gone ahead without it."

On Wednesday, Denmark granted permission for Nord Stream 2 to be built through Danish waters.

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