

# News From Russia: What You Missed Over the Weekend

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## 'March of neighbors'

Opposition protesters in Belarus took to the streets of the capital Minsk on Sunday in the latest of three months of demonstrations against the re-election of strongman president Alexander Lukashenko.

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Protestors in [#Minsk](#) have adopted a different protesting technique and instead of one large gathering they are now grouping in local boroughs. This way there is not enough riot police to go around all boroughs. [#Belarus](#)  
[pic.twitter.com/9WB8udqXn6](https://pic.twitter.com/9WB8udqXn6)

— Belarus Free Theatre (@BFreeTheatre) [November 29, 2020](#)

Minsk police said on Sunday that around 250 people were taken into custody. Riot police were deployed in large numbers, with the reported use of stun grenades and tear gas.

### **Back from hiatus**

Nord Stream 2 will resume construction in early December one year after work came to a halt under U.S. pressure, the company behind the German–Russian natural gas pipeline [announced](#).

U.S. lawmakers are meanwhile racing, with [reported](#) help from Ukrainian lobbyists, to enact sanctions by the end of the year that would target pipe-laying vessels and other businesses that would insure, test, inspect and certify the pipeline.

### **Hunting accidents**

At least two Russian officials have been accidentally shot and killed on [hunting trips](#) over the weekend.

A republic of Bashkortostan senior emergency situations official was fatally wounded in the shoulder while the deputy mayor of Novouralsk in the Sverdlovsk region died after being wounded in the leg.

### **Fatal re-enactment**

An armored personnel carrier [ran over](#) and killed the 38-year-old stepson of construction mogul Arkady Skorov at a military re-enactment celebrating his stepbrother's birthday in St. Petersburg.

Authorities launched a criminal investigation into safety standards violations against the head of a patriotic organization who was said to have been behind the wheel.

### **Crowded house**

Authorities [announced](#) a probe into popular rapper Basta's two-night concert at the Ice Palace arena in St. Petersburg after footage on social media showed fans not adhering to social distancing rules.

### **Embed:**

СМИ обратили внимание на концерте Басты в Петербурге и отметили, что зрители не соблюдали дистанцию и не носили маски, а в партере не было стульев.

Организаторы и власти заявили, что мероприятие прошло без нарушений, а «видео нечётко всё отображает» <https://t.co/sTrX6bvn6H>  
[pic.twitter.com/H4neuZxI9B](https://t.co/sTrX6bvn6H)

— TJ (@tjournal) [November 28, 2020](#)

An initial probe did not uncover violations while organizers said the footage, which showed fans holding up lighters and singing along, was “too blurry,” local media [reported](#).

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