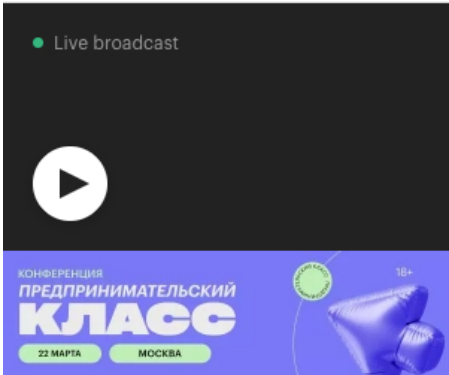




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Former fish factory workers who complained to Putin were paid their wages

Former workers of the fish processing plant on Shikotan, who complained about long delays in salary payments to the Russian president during a direct line, have been paid their debts, the press service of the governor of Sakhalin Oblast reported on Saturday.

In the press serviceTASS explained that "the debts were repaid to the plant's employees who previously worked on Shikotan and then moved to Sakhalin and are working in the village of Ozerskoye (from where ~~they voiced the problem~~)".

During the Direct Line with Vladimir Putin on April 14, Ostrovnoy employees complained to the head of state that they had not been paid for months. The aggrieved workers reported that some of them were threatened after they were invited to the direct line. They also said that they complained to the Sakhalin Region prosecutor's office and sent a letter to the presidential administration. In response, Putin said that he had not seen their letter and instructed Russian Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika to investigate whether the head of the local prosecutor's office was fit for the job.

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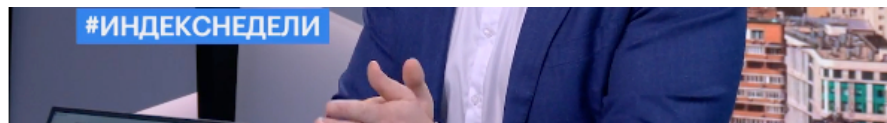
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The next day, the press service of the Sakhalin Region government reported that the general director of the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant, Aleksey Popov, came to the village of Ozerskoye on Shikotan Island and brought money to his former employees and apologized. He paid each worker 20,000 rubles in advance and promised that he would come to the village again for the final settlement after the amount of the debt was clarified.

Deputy Prosecutor General of Russia Yuri Gulyagin, Head of Rostrud Vsevolod Vukolov, Governor of Sakhalin Oleg Kozhemyako and Prosecutor of Sakhalin Region Nikolai Ryabov met with the employees of the enterprise. One of the workers, cook Oksana Doroshenko, said that in four and a half months of work she received less than 28 thousand rubles. The money she earned was not even enough for a return ticket home.

"When fish arrived at the plant in large quantities, we had to work 20 hours a day. Of course, I hoped for proper compensation. Especially since the contract specified a minimum salary of 20 thousand rubles. They are still promising to recalculate," the woman said.

"Our salaries are often minus! Sometimes you can't even buy a bar of soap. They pay a pittance, but they constantly deduct - for lunches of dubious quality - 200 rubles a day, and for us this is money, as well as for living in a dormitory," said another employee.

According to the latest data cited by the press service, about 200 people have suffered from the actions of the company's management. 35 of them paid off their debt in full on Shikotan the day before. The next tranche will arrive on the island on Monday-Tuesday. All debts exceeding 6 million rubles are planned to be liquidated by the end of next week.

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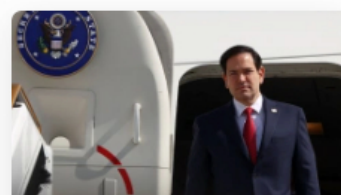


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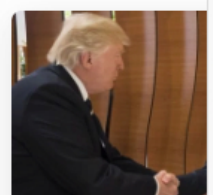
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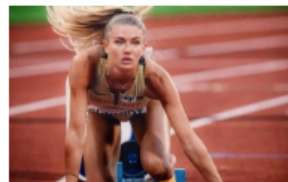


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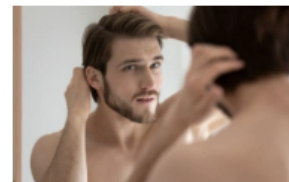
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