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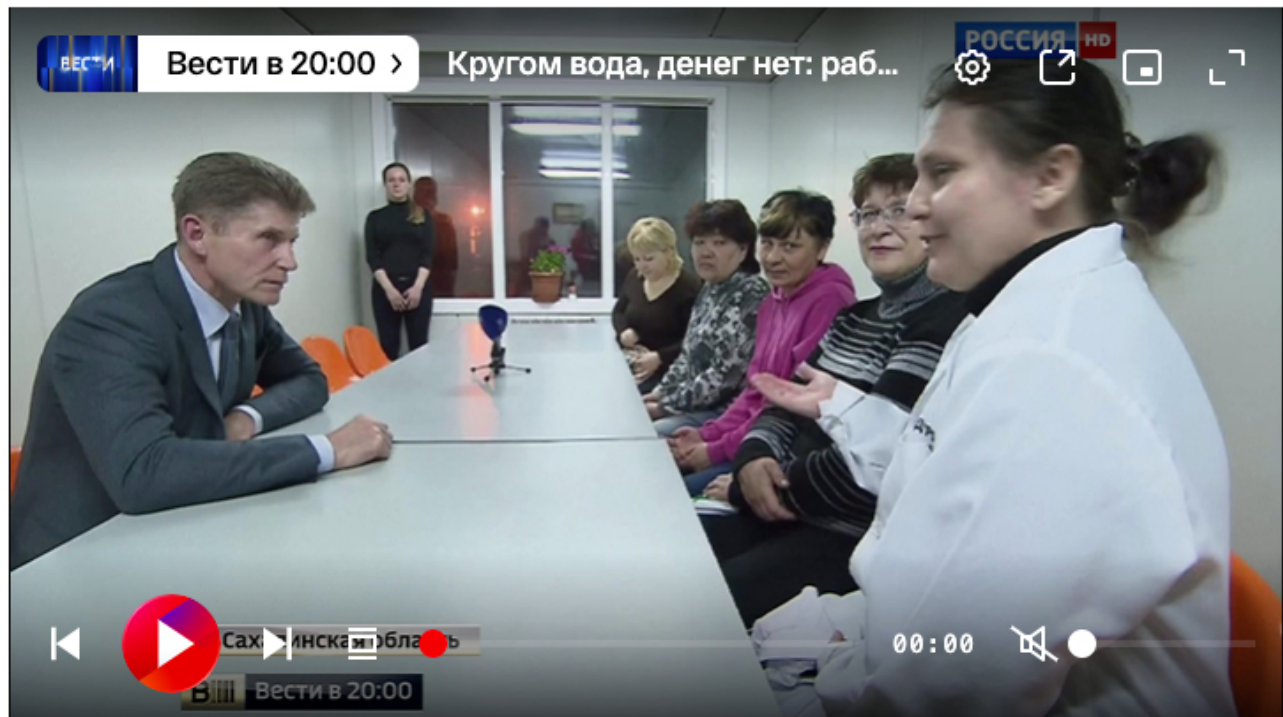
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Water all around, no money: fish factory workers complain of "slave-like conditions"



One of the most acute issues during "Direct Line with Vladimir Putin" was the connection from Sakhalin Oblast. Workers at the fish processing plant on Shikotan, who have not been paid for several months, have found themselves in the position of slaves. Some of those invited did

not even dare to come to the "Direct Line".



One of the most acute issues during the "Live Broadcast with [Vladimir Putin](#)" was included from the Sakhalin region. The workers of the fish processing plant on Shikotan, who have not been paid for several months, were effectively in the position of slaves. Moreover, some of those invited did not even dare to come to the "Direct Line" because they were threatened. The reaction to this appeal of citizens to the head of state followed immediately.

Just a minute after the live broadcast from Sakhalin, the regional governor met with former employees of the Shikotan Island fish processing plant, who complained of abuse by their former employer.

Tomorrow, Sakhalin Region Governor Oleg Kozhemyako flies to Shikotan Island to sort out the situation on the spot, and the Deputy Prosecutor General of Russia is also arriving on Sakhalin specifically. All these decisions were made after the presidential "Direct Line", during which people told what happened on Shikotan.

When they found themselves on the island, they were not paid for months. Even if they wanted to leave the island, they could not, because they needed money to buy a ticket. Because of this, people were forced to live in the dormitory of this enterprise. So, from the unpaid wages, this enterprise also deducted money for living in this enterprise. And in the end, people also ended up owing money to this plant."

"Last fall we worked on Shikotan Island, at the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant. We were not paid wages. People are taken there by deception through recruitment agencies. The working and living conditions are terrible, people are homeless," Tatyana said during the "Direct Line."

"It's almost impossible to get out of there because it's an island, there's water all around, and people have nowhere to go, no money," Elena added.

"Local officials, especially law enforcement agencies, the prosecutor's office and the labor supervision service - they should have responded in a timely manner. I want the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation to hear this part of our conversation, look at this situation and make a decision on the suitability of the position [of the prosecutor of the Sakhalin Region](#) . And the Ministry of Labor must look from the same position at the work of the department entrusted to it on Sakhalin. And I hope to hear information about what is happening in this area both in terms of personnel and in terms of restoring order. I want to apologize to the people who are standing there now on Shikotan. We will do everything to ensure that the situation is corrected," emphasized Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The situation on Shikotan has been going on for a long time. A year ago, Sakhalin television filmed its story there. Different people, but the same situation.

"You should have seen how they fed us. They feed pigs like that," the workers said.

The people who were imprisoned on the island also had to pay for this food from their [never-received salaries](#) . According to law enforcement agencies, a criminal case was opened against the management of the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant back in 2014.

"In 2015, the prosecutor's office established the fact of repeated non-payment of wages, and then, based on the results of the prosecutor's inspection, a criminal case was opened against the new director of the enterprise, Natalya Kashkarova. She was sentenced to 2.5 months probation with a probationary period of 2 years," said the official representative of the Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation, Alexander Kurennoy.

Nevertheless, the import of deceived workers to the island continues. We contacted people who are currently on Shikotan by phone, and they confirmed that they have been without wages since May and also cannot leave the island. When some of the victims were invited to the "Direct Line", they began to receive direct threats.

"In connection with the report during the direct line with the President of Russia about threats against workers of the fishing enterprise, the investigative bodies of the Investigative Committee for the Sakhalin Region have organized a corresponding investigation," explained the official representative of the Investigative Committee, Vladimir Markin.

A year ago, Sakhalin made a splash throughout Russia for a different reason.

"Our former governor Khoroshavin, who is currently under investigation, as the media writes, stole billions. I just wonder, will he receive a worthy punishment, which would be a lesson for others? And will this money return to the Sakhalin budget?" the president was asked.

"It is too early to talk about how this investigation will end. And it is incorrect, even from the

point of view of the current law, it is wrong. But I can absolutely assure you of this, careful work is underway on this fact and on others, and there are many of them, I will not list them now - they exist in the country, high-profile cases. There will be [no mitigation](#) of this work and the corresponding punishment, if he deserves it. You can have absolutely no doubt about it. It is also difficult to say now whether it will be possible to return some funds if it is recognized that these are state funds, but part of Khoroshavin's property has been seized. Of course, in this part we can talk about returning it in favor of the state," the president noted.

Sakhalin certainly needs money. Coastal villages and settlements require urgent cleaning and repairs. [В](#)

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Politico: Trump Administration Undermines Merz's Position with AfD Support



The administration of American leader Donald Trump, by supporting the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party, is undermining the position of future German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, writes the newspaper Politico.

On Tuesday, May 6, Merz [takes](#) office as the new German chancellor.

"Now Germany's most important and powerful ally for decades, the United States, has begun to undermine Merz's position at every turn," the publication writes.

It is noted that the White House intends to further weaken Merz by supporting the opposition AfD.

Earlier, the press secretary of the Russian president, [Dmitry Peskov, clarified](#) that Russia does not intend to interfere in the situation surrounding the Alternative for Germany party.

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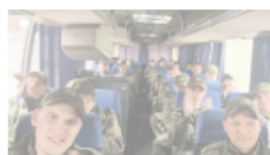
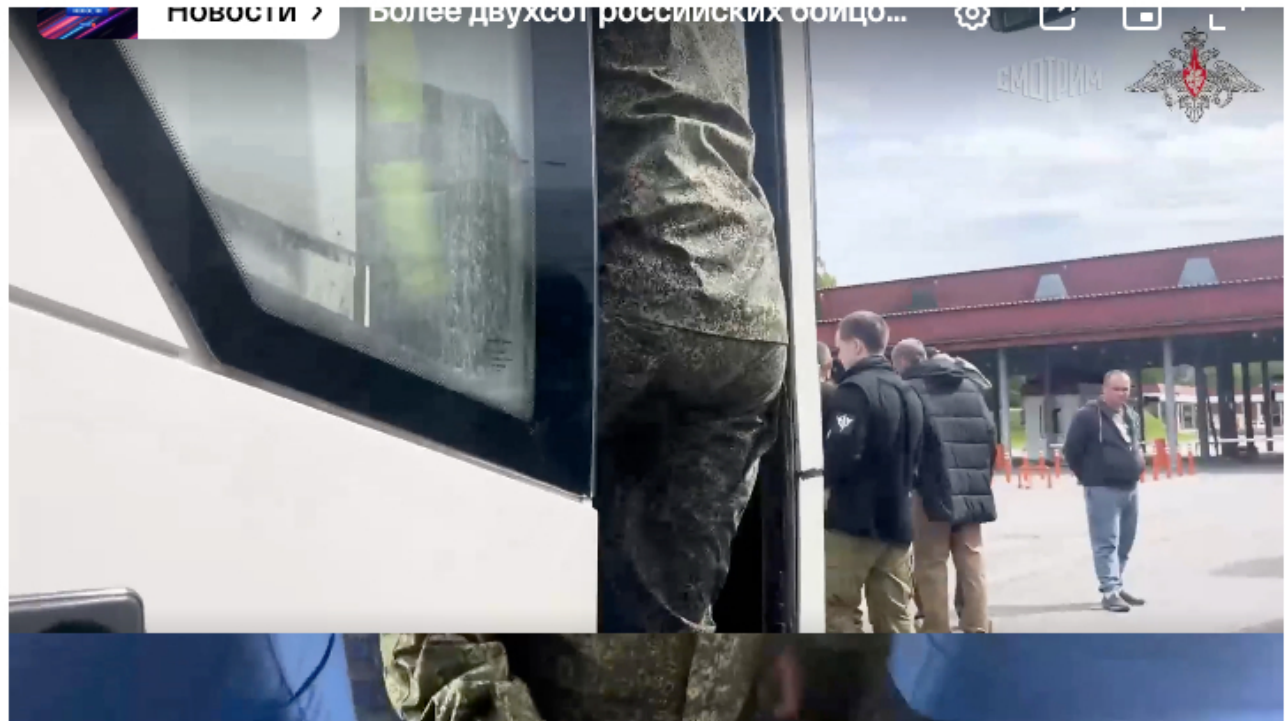


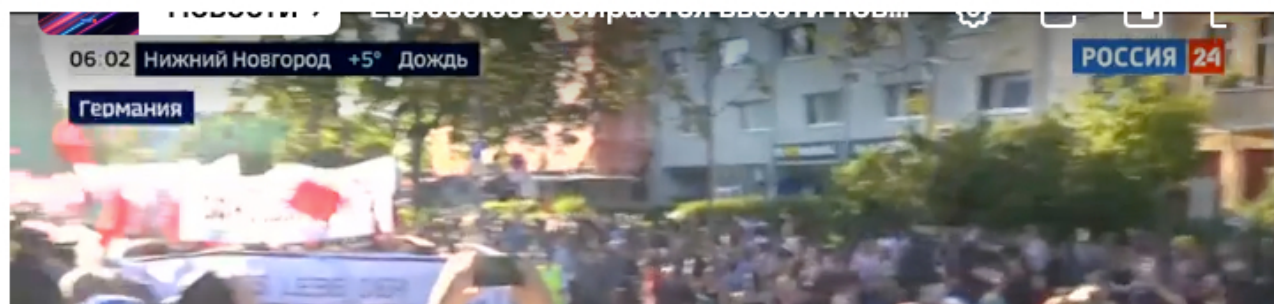
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The Russian Defense Ministry has published footage of Russian soldiers returning from captivity







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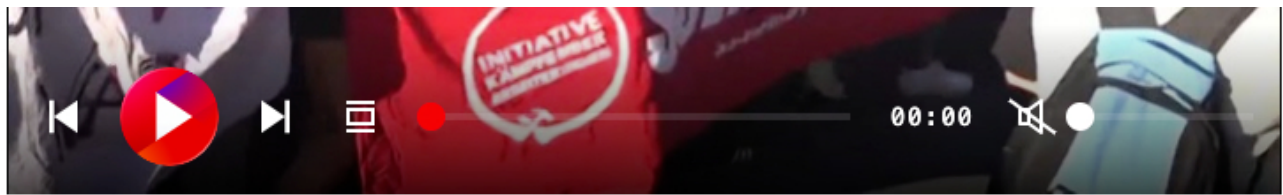


The European Union intends to include restrictions against 150 vessels, as well as 60 individuals and legal entities, in the 17th package of anti-Russian sanctions. This was reported by the Bloomberg news agency, citing its own sources in the EU.

It is specified that the heads of the EU foreign policy countries are to meet in Brussels on May 20 to approve [new restrictions](#) . According to the plan of the bloc's participants, they are to affect persons and vessels that the Russian Federation allegedly uses as a "shadow fleet" to circumvent sanctions directed against the Russian oil and gas industry.

"The sanctions proposed by the European Commission would cover 60 individuals and entities and include restrictions on about 150 vessels... That would bring the total number of vessels listed to more than 300," Bloomberg reported.





Earlier, Bloomberg reported that the European Commission intends to [completely ban](#) gas imports from Russia by the end of 2027. It is noted that the initiative may be amended. In addition, the EU needs to think of an alternative to supplies from Russia, the agency's interlocutors noted.

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The manufacturer of Putin's favorite kefir is ready to meet demand for its products



The Ryazan plant "Vakinskoe Agro", which produces the favorite kefir of Russian President Vladimir Putin, is ready to satisfy the great demand for its products. This was stated on the air of the TV channel "Russia 24" by the chairman of the board of directors of "Vakinskoe Agro" Nikolai Plaskunov.

According to Plaskunov, the plant currently processes about 50-60 tons of milk.

"If there are requests, we can make 5-10 times more. Therefore, everything depends on how our retail chains react to everything that is happening today," he said.

Plaskunov added that seeing kefir produced by Vakinskoye Agro on Putin's table was a pleasant surprise.

In the film "Russia. Kremlin. Putin. 25 years", which premiered on May 4 on the TV channel "Russia", the Russian leader treated journalist Pavel Zarubin to "Ekovakino" kefir, produced at the Ryazan plant. After this, it became known that Russians [bought up](#) all the kefir of this brand within 24 hours.

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Air defense shot down 13 Ukrainian drones over three regions





Air defense forces destroyed 13 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles, the Russian Defense Ministry reported.

Seven Ukrainian drones were shot down over the Kaluga Region, four over the Tula Region. Another two drones were destroyed over the Moscow Region.

The Russian Defense Ministry clarified that the drones were destroyed between 17:21 and 18:40 Moscow time.

