

Stunning info #14 Post-Soviet-Russia II: Resurgence, 2000-2010

Terms & Stuff

Vladimir Putin	Dmitrii Medvedev	Second Chechen War
CIS	“sovereign democracy”	

Chronology

2000	Feb	Russian forces capture Chechen capital, Grozny
	March	Putin formally elected President, without run-off (53% of votes)
	May	Creation of Federal Districts as part of reassertion of central authority. ¹
	Aug	Explosion on battleship Kursk kills 118 sailors
	Dec	Old Soviet anthem becomes Russian national anthem, with new words
2003	March	Referendum in Chechnya makes that territory "inseparable" part of Russia
	Oct	Arrest of Mikhail Khodorkovsky (Russia's richest man); later sentenced to 8 years
	Dec	New parliamentary elections; government party receives majority
2004	March	President Putin re-elected to second term with 71% of vote
		Baltic states (former Soviet territory) enter NATO
	May	Assassination of Chechen president Akhmad Kadyrov (succeeded by son)
		Baltic states admitted to European Union (EU)
	Sept	Terrorist act by Chechen rebels in Beslan (North Ossetia) leads to 300+ deaths
		Putin moves to have regional governors appointed by Moscow rather than elected
	Nov	Beginning of Orange Revolution (Ukraine) leads to replacement of pro-Moscow Pres
2005	March	Chechen former president & rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov killed (by FSB?)
2006	Feb	Presidential staffer offers “sovereign democracy” as philosophy of Putin regime
2007	April	Ramzan Kadyrov formally installed as president of Chechnya
	Oct	Assassination of human rights activist Anna Politkovskaia
2008	March	Dmitrii Medvedev elected president with 71% of vote; Putin becomes prime minister
	Aug	Brief war between Russia and Georgia
2009	May	Decree on commission to combat falsification of history against interests of Russia
	Sept	President Medvedev calls for program of Russia's modernization
2010	March	Terrorist bombing in Moscow metro
	April	Polish airplane crash kills Polish gov't officials on way to Katyn commemoration

¹ Originally seven. A new North Caucasian Federal District was split from Southern Federal District in January of 2010.