



To Russia Without Love

“AIDS prison” is chillin’

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Citizens of the icy Russian city of Pechora are all fired up over the proposed opening of an “AIDS prison” in their midst. The quarantine-style slammer, which would cater to convicts who have HIV or tuberculosis, caused a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) stink; thousands signed a petition, and Yuri Spiridonov, head of the Komi Republic, tipped some ink. In a chilly letter to Russian Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov, the pol said the city’s inclement clime poses a danger to PWAs’ immune systems. He added that the put-upon Pechora would become a hotbed for AIDS and TB, as former inmates settle there after doing time. At presstime, Kulikov had not answered the missive.

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