

An 'Appeal' to the Jewish Nation*

Recently Russia has seen a sharp increase in the activity of antisemitic nationalist groups such as *Pamyat*'. As our 72-year-old totalitarian regime collapses and the political bankruptcy of the CPSU becomes generally known, the ideologists of these organisations are attempting to lay the blame for the crimes and tragic mistakes of the communists on other nations, hoping thereby to rescue the fast-failing authority of the CPSU and even to use the increasing discontent within the nation to establish a new fascist dictatorship.

These people attempt to call themselves Christians and patriots, but in actual fact they are neither the one nor the other and only bring discredit on those sacred words. In the name of the Christian Democrats of Russia we want to assure you that we will do everything in our power to prevent the spread of this dangerous phenomenon and to expose the true intentions of these pseudopatriots.

Brothers and sisters! We must not allow dissension between the nations. Fascism will not take hold in Russia. Our doors and our hearts will always remain open to you.

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