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Rumors that Stalin is ill being spread by Italian newspapers.

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#### ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS SPREAD ABSURD RUMORS

ROME, 9 October (TASS). A number of Italian newspapers have published reports about a "serious illness" of Generalissimo Stalin under flashy headlines. The headlines read: in *Quotidiano* - Resumption of rumors about Stalin's illness. Serious illness. Alarm in the Soviet capital. The pessimistic conclusions of specialists"; in *Ricostruzione* - The health of Stalin is causing serious fears; in *Popolo* - Stalin is seriously ill. *Tribuna del Popolo* - Stalin has several months to live.

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