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Putin slams European warmongering as ‘political schizophrenia’

The Russian president has ridiculed claims that Moscow poses a threat, arguing that neither Russia nor the people of Europe want war with each other

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Repeated claims by European officials that Russia poses a threat of war to their countries amount to *“political schizophrenia,”* President Vladimir Putin has said.

He made the remarks on Thursday while speaking to Russian journalist Pavel Zarubin after participating in the Union of Theatre Workers congress at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow.

Putin strongly denied the repeated allegations that Moscow has been gearing up for war with Europe in any



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fashion, dismissing them as a part of the ongoing *"anti-Russian campaign"* on the continent.

"They now go so far as to constantly speak of a 'Russian threat' and even discuss preparations for a war with Russia – which, in my view, amounts to a kind of political schizophrenia. But I hope that it will pass," Putin stated.

The Ukraine conflict has clearly demonstrated that Russia cannot be defeated on the battlefield, the president argued, adding that the idea of inflicting a *"strategic defeat"* on the country was *"simply not realistic."* Putin expressed hope that those still entertaining such a scenario would *"come to recognize the realities of modern life."*

"They will hopefully realize that it is better to live in harmony with Russia – a path that truly serves the interests of their own peoples. If you look at the political processes currently underway in Europe, it becomes evident that the European peoples have no desire to go to war with Russia," the president stated.

In fact, Russia does not want to fight Ukraine either, Putin said, pointing at the shared past and the longstanding ties between Russians and Ukrainians. Still, Kiev itself chose war in 2014, when it opted to fight the people of then-Ukrainian Donbass, who had rejected the Maidan coup, the president said, adding that Ukraine has also rejected Moscow's repeated attempts to mediate that conflict.



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"If the current Ukrainian leadership wishes to fight, then let them fight. But why do they expect everyone else to foot the bill and supply them with weapons? I suppose they have their arguments – likely rooted in past promises of help. But it seems that the 'help' was intended to last until the very last Ukrainian," Putin said.

The Russian president also touched upon the territorial issues between Moscow and Kiev, pointing out that the loss of formerly Ukrainian regions should not be treated as such, since they were never Ukrainian in the first place.

"It is not their territory, it is a part of historic Russia," he stressed, adding that local residents voted to secede from Ukraine and reunify with Russia.

Russia remains ready to resolve the Ukraine conflict through diplomacy, Putin said, reiterating Moscow's willingness to resume trilateral talks with Washington and Kiev.

"The purpose of these negotiations will be to discuss how to ensure the security of both Ukraine and Russia following the conclusion of peace agreements, specifically, definitive, long-term agreements, rather than a mere temporary cessation of hostilities," the president said, adding that the discussions should involve a wider

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all-European security architecture.

Moscow announced it was ready to resume the trilateral talks following Putin's meeting with US special envoy Steve Witkoff in St. Petersburg on Wednesday. Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov subsequently said the next round could take place in Abu Dhabi around mid-November.



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