Kazakh leader calls Putin ‘outstanding statesman’ in front of Merz (VIDEO)

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev said the Russian president has the qualities needed to guide a country with a “complicated history”

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Russian President Vladimir Putin is an *“outstanding statesman”* suited to leading a great country such as Russia, Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev said during his visit to Germany on Tuesday.



Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev (left) and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz hold a press conference in Berlin on September 29, 2026. © Michael Kappeler / dpa via Getty Images

A former Soviet republic, Kazakhstan is one of Russia’s closest partners in Central Asia.

Tokayev met German Chancellor Friedrich Merz in Berlin amid heightened tensions between Germany and Russia over the Ukraine conflict. Germany accused Russia earlier this month of attempting to strike Ukrainian cargo planes with drones at Leipzig/Halle Airport in the German state of Saxony. Moscow rejected the claims as unfounded.

During a joint press conference with Merz, Tokayev said he had *“very good relations”* with Putin.

“I consider him, one might say, an outstanding statesman. And today I said with a fairly high degree of

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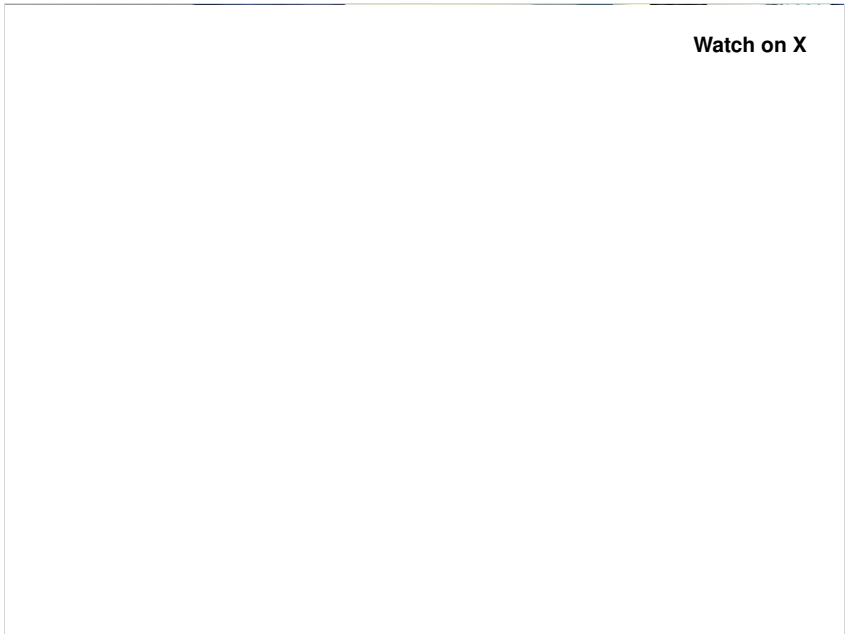
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conviction that President Putin, as a statesman and as a leader, is the most acceptable political figure – strange as that may sound to you – for Central Asia, including Kazakhstan, for Europe, and for the entire world," Tokayev said in Russian.

"I know him very well. He possesses the qualities that are most essential for the leader of a great country with a complicated history and with its own understanding of the strategic goals it faces," he added.



Tokayev said that although he favors *"freezing"* the Ukraine conflict, an immediate end to hostilities is *"unrealistic under the current circumstances."*



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Kiev has rejected Russia's ceasefire terms, which include the withdrawal of Ukrainian troops from Russian territory in Donbass and an end to Western military aid to Ukraine. Moscow has argued that Ukraine was not negotiating in good faith and accused Kiev's European backers of trying to sabotage US-mediated talks.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, Merz reiterated that Germany *"will make every effort to continue assisting and supporting Ukraine, not only militarily but also politically, financially and economically."*

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Brilliant, oh the cringe Merz must be feeling if he was human though as a Zio-Bug he’s probably not bothered.

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B **Brayan Stoyanov** 9/30/2026 at 3:12 PM **0**

Care to explain why the meeting took place ? Energy? What?

Yes we know Mr.Putin is a good statesman but why were you there? Why still advocate freezing a conflict that is not to be frozen?

Spell it out RT.

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Z **ZIGGY M** 9/30/2026 at 2:35 PM **4**

God bless you president Tokayev, thank God there are still intelligent leaders in the world NOT like that Nazi puppet next to you.

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M **Malcolm Powell** 9/30/2026 at 12:35 PM **11**

No doubt. President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, is Man of the Century, so far.

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I suspect the abandoned people in Syria, Venezuela and Cuba would disagree with you

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x **xawecki** 9/30/2026 at 2:14 PM **6**

Explain why Russia should be defending nations and governments that were betrayed by their own military? President Maduro should have Russian guard, not his own if he wanted to survive American attack and kidnapping? Russia should sent its own forces to fight terrorists, because Syrian army wasn’t interested to protect their own nation?

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F **Funmi Okus** 9/30/2026 at 1:28 AM 20

Kazakh leader can speak his mind in front of any NEO-NAZI State without fear and yes Putin is an outstanding statesman. Putin and Russia go together like bread and butter.

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