

No Medvedev Web Chat

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President Dmitry Medvedev's spokeswoman on Friday denied media reports that he would hold an online conference call with the public this month, RIA-Novosti reported.

Medvedev will hold an annual video conference next week, probably on Tuesday, but he does not plan to go online for it, Kremlin press secretary Natalya Timakova said.

The tradition to hold annual video conference calls with the public was established by Medvedev's predecessor, Vladimir Putin, in 2001, who continued it even after becoming prime minister in 2008.

Medvedev has held his own annual televised conferences since 2008. He and Putin only held online conferences once each, in 2006 and 2007, respectively.