

Report: Gazprom Export Head Skips Board Meeting to Attend Hockey Match

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Alexander Medvedev

Gazprom Export chief Alexander Medvedev missed a board of directors meeting this week because he was at the finale of the championship series of Russia's Continental Hockey League, sources said.

Instead of attending a Gazprom board meeting on Wednesday devoted to plans for increasing exports to Europe, Medvedev was in Omsk for the seventh and final game in the KHL finals between Moscow Dinamo and the Omsk Avangard, several sources in the gas industry told Interfax.

In addition to heading Gazprom Export, Medvedev is president of the KHL.

Viktor Zubkov, a first deputy prime minister and the chairman of the state-run energy giant's board, reportedly asked why Medvedev's deputy was presenting in place of him at the

meeting. When told that Medvedev had decided to attend the KHL match, Zubkov reportedly answered that while the heads of Gazprom were diehard fans of the Zenit football club, they did not miss board meetings.

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