

Insane Man Prevented From Date With Putin

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Police officers were quick to step in to prevent the meeting with Putin. **Andrei Makhonin**

Police detained a man heading to the Kremlin to share a "revelation from on high" with President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday, taking him to a psychiatric hospital instead.

The man, who was later found to be clinically insane, drew the attention of law enforcement officials on Borovitskaya Ploshchad by his strange appearance and the poster he was carrying, which claimed he had experienced a supernatural revelation, a source in the Moscow police told Interfax.

When police officers approached the 55-year-old resident of Ingushetia, he told them he had an appointment with the head of state and wanted to "defend the Russian people."

He was prevented from sharing his wisdom with Putin, however, as police soon whisked him off to the nearest hospital, where doctors confirmed his psychiatric condition, the source said.

The man was later released because he presented no threat to society.

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