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Putin Clarifies Titov Role

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The role of business ombudsman Boris Titov should be one of helping business owners whose rights have been violated but should not be a substitute for the court system, President Vladimir Putin said Thursday, Interfax reported.

"I would very much like to see that Boris Yuryevich Titov and his colleagues who will be working in the regions are not involved in lobbying business interests of business or protecting those who actually break the law, but that they are involved in restoring the rights of entrepreneurs, if those rights have been violated," Putin said at a meeting on the subject of the work of the ombudsman.

Putin said he was confident that leaders of law enforcement and judicial authorities aspire to keep violations of business owners' rights to a minimum.

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