

Gazprom Says Ukraine Buying Gas, Europe Supplies Safe

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Russia's state natural gas company says Ukraine is once again buying Russian gas and no longer endangering supplies to Western Europe.

Most of the gas that Gazprom supplies to Europe goes through pipelines that cross Ukraine. Ukraine, which Gazprom says owes it \$1.3 billion, a week ago stopped buying Russian gas and said it would rely on its underground stores through the end of the year.

Gazprom warned on Thursday that this would deplete the amount of so-called technical gas needed to drive the gas through the pipelines to Europe.

Gazprom Chief Executive Alexei Miller said Friday that Ukraine has resumed purchases of Russian gas and stopped taking gas from its underground stores, Russian news agencies reported Friday.

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