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Lukashenko Casts Doubt On 2015 Presidential Bid

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Lukashenko posing for a festive photo.

Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko said he does not know whether he will run in the next presidential elections and gave the impression that he is fed up with his job.

"Only God knows whether I'll take part in those presidential elections. I first have to live until then," Lukashenko said at a meeting with the government on Tuesday. "Someone can walk one day and not the next, so anything can happen," he said, state-run news agency Belta reported.

"I'm already stuffed full of the presidency," he said, adding that people should stop speculating about the political process.

Overwork might be one of the reasons Lukashenko appears to have gone cool on his official title. The president complained of how tired he is of doing the work of other government

employees. Specifically, he referred to his recent shuttles between Venezuela and Russia in an effort to get more Belarussian products on their markets.

Lukashenko won the presidency in 1994, 2001, 2006 and 2010. He got more than three-quarters of the vote in the last election although Western observers deemed it undemocratic because of alleged vote rigging and force applied to the opposition.

The next election is scheduled to take place in 2015.

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