

Putin to Meet Merkel, Not Obama, During D-Day Visit

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President Vladimir Putin will meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel in France on Friday during a visit on the 70th anniversary of the Allied D-Day landings in World War II, Putin's foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov said.

Plans for meetings with French President Francois Hollande and British Prime Minister David Cameron during the visit to France had already been announced, but Ushakov told reporters no meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama is planned.

Separately, the Kremlin said that in a telephone conversation on Tuesday, Putin and Merkel called for coordinated measures to defuse the crisis in Ukraine and discussed talks between Russia, Ukraine and the EU on gas supplies.

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