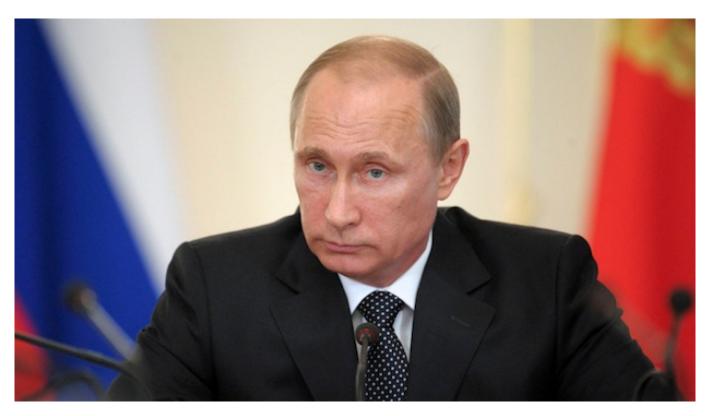


Putin and Poroshenko Discuss Possible Cease-Fire in East Ukraine

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President Vladimir Putin was said to have expressed his concern following the deaths of two Russian journalists in the phone call.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart, Petro Poroshenko, discussed a possible cease-fire in eastern Ukraine and the deaths of two Russian journalists there in a late night telephone conversation, the Kremlin said.

The conversation "touched on the theme of a possible ceasefire in the area of military action in southeastern Ukraine," the Kremlin said late Tuesday in a statement.

It also said Putin had expressed his concern over the deaths of two Russian state television journalists, who were killed in shelling in clashes between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russian separatists near the eastern city of Luhansk.

Poroshenko expressed his condolences and assured Putin there would be an investigation and measures would be taken to protect journalists.

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