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Russia Denies Plans to Cancel Gas Deliveries to Europe

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Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak dismissed Ukraine's claims that Moscow plans to block gas transit to Europe, saying on Wednesday that the assertions are groundless.

His comments were published after Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said earlier on Wednesday that Kiev knew of Russian plans to halt gas flows this winter to Europe.

Novak said in a statement that Russia will put forth "maximum efforts" to fulfill gas contract obligations to European importers regardless of political issues.

He also said Russia is open for "constructive dialogue" on energy with interested partners including Ukraine.

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