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Kremlin Says Putin and World Leaders Agree Ukraine Ceasefire Holding

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Russia's President Vladimir Putin (R) meets with his French counterpart Francois Hollande at Moscow's Vnukovo airport, on Dec. 6, 2014.

A ceasefire in east Ukraine has generally been holding in past days, Russian President Vladimir Putin noted along with the leaders of Germany, France and Ukraine in telephone talks on the Ukraine crisis, the Kremlin said in a statement.

"It was noted with satisfaction that the warring parties have generally enforced the ceasefire in past days," the statement on Monday said.

It said the leaders emphasized "the paramount importance of guaranteeing a ceasefire in the future, an agreement on a line of demarcation for the sides, the removal of heavy weapons and the activation of prisoner exchanges."

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