

# Russia's Putin and Turkey's Erdogan Discuss Syria, IS During Phone Call

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Residents ride a motorcycle past damaged buildings in a rebel-controlled area of Aleppo, Syria.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan and Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed the situation in the Middle East, especially in Syria and Iraq, and better cooperation in fighting Islamic State, the Kremlin said late on Sunday.

During a telephone conversation, both sides stressed that all interested states should boost efforts to successfully combat the spread of terrorism and extremism, the Kremlin said in a statement.

NATO called an emergency meeting on Tuesday to discuss security at the request of Turkey after a recent suicide bombing there and to discuss Turkish operations against Islamic State and PKK Kurdish militants.

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