

## Putin Honors Birthday Boy Medvedev With Order for Service to the Fatherland

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Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev

Russian President Vladimir Putin has awarded Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev with the Order for Service to the Fatherland, according to a decree published on the government's official documents website.

Medvedev has been decorated "for outstanding service to the state, [and] a great contribution to the social and economic development of the Russia Federation," according to the decree, published Wednesday.

The decree was signed on Sept. 14, but published a month later, according to the government website.

Medvedev, <u>50</u>, celebrated his birthday on Sept. 14.

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