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Russia Supplies Gas to Freezing Ukrainian Port City

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The port city of Genichevsk in Ukraine's Kherson region has begun to receive Russian gas supplies, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Kozak said, the TASS news agency reported Monday.

"Gas has begun flowing from Crimea to the Genichesk district in Ukraine's Kherson region," Kozak said.

Following freezing temperatures and at the request of the city major, Russian President Vladimir Putin proposed that Russia consider providing the Ukrainian city with Russian gas supplies, presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Monday.

"On behalf of the residents of Genichevsk, against the background of cold temperatures the city has been experiencing in recent days, the mayor asked Russia to ensure supplies of gas in order not to let the city residents freeze," Peskov said.

"Vladimir Putin has studied the appeal and, proceeding from humanitarian considerations, ordered to go through a possibility of such supplies so as to help Genichevsk residents live through heavy frosts," he said.

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