

Putin Snubs Davos, Munich Conference

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Attendees walk outside the Congress Center during the Annual Meeting 2016 of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Jan. 20, 2016.

President Vladimir Putin has rejected invitations to two global events this year — the Munich Security Conference and the Davos World Economic Forum.

Putin last attended the Davos World Economic Forum in 2013 and the forum this year was skipped by many Russian politicians.

“Everybody is here, it is not clear who went to Davos, apparently there's not enough money for tickets,” Putin was cited by the TASS news agency as saying on Wednesday. “It's good. We should work at home,” he added.

Putin also rejected an invitation to the 2016 Munich Security Conference, due to take place on Feb. 12-14, according to conference chairman Wolfgang Ischinger, the RIA Novosti news agency reported.

The Kremlin said Thursday that the conference simply didn't fit into president's schedule, according to RIA Novosti.

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