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Obama Has Higher Opinion of Russian Army Than Russian Military Official

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Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin

Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin, who oversees the Russian defense industry, ranks the Russian army lower than U.S. President Barack Obama does.

Whereas the U.S. president considers Russia's military might second only to that of the United States, Rogozin — perhaps unwittingly — does not rank the Russian army in the top two worldwide, according to a Twitter post on Thursday: "Well maybe it's not the first, but certainly not the second, Mr. President!)."

> Ну может пока и не первая, но уж точно не вторая, господин президент!)https://t.co/18tYlyXucM
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> — Dmitry Rogozin (@Rogozin) February 18, 2016

The tweet was in response to remarks made by U.S. President Barack Obama at the U.S.-ASEAN conference in which he said that Syrian rebels were no match for the strength of the world's second-most powerful army.

Rogozin has become known for his noteworthy tweets.

When Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev visited one of the disputed Kuril Islands in August 2015, Rogozin took to Twitter, saying that those offended in Tokyo should commit ritualistic suicide.

“Had they been real men, they would have followed the tradition of committing harakiri and would have calmed down finally. Instead, they are only making noise,” Rogozin said on Twitter.

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