

Putin Extends Condolences to India Following Fatal Temple Fire

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A man walks past debris from damaged structures at the spot where a massive fire broke out during a fireworks display at the Puttingal temple complex in Paravoor village, India, Monday, April 11, 2016.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has expressed condolences to India's president and prime minister over a huge deadly fire Sunday at a Hindu temple, the Kremlin said in a statement.

The blaze at the Puttingal temple in the town of Paravur killed at least 106 people and injured more than 500, according to official figures cited by media reports.

Putin "conveyed words of sympathy and support to the families and loved ones of the victims, and wishes for a quick recovery to the injured," the Kremlin said.

He also expressed condolences to Indian President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the statement said.

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