

Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Zakharova Performs Kalinka Dance at Summit

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Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova dances 'Kalinka', one of the most well-known Russian folk songs, during a reception for journalists at the ASEAN in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Russia, May 19, 2016.

Maria Zakharova, spokesperson for the Russian Foreign Ministry, took some time during the the Russia-ASEAN summit on Thursday to show off her dancing skills.

Wearing 15-centimeter high heels, Zakharova performed Russia's traditional Kalinka dance at a reception for journalists.

The performance wasn't spontaneous. Earlier on Thursday Zakharova warned the journalists that she would perform the Russian traditional dance later that day.

"Despite the fact that we had worked hard all day, I couldn't resist it. I promised that if we had a chance at this reception, I would definitely dance. I had to keep my word. I do not regret it,"

Zakharova told the Life television channel Thursday, the RIA Novosti news agency reported.

When asked how she managed to perform the dance in high heels, Zakharova replied that “it’s a woman’s secret” and offered to “give a master class.”

The summit of the Association of South East Asian Nations, or ASEAN, is being held in Sochi on May 19–20. Ten South East Asian leaders have arrived in Sochi to discuss cooperation in the sphere of politics and security.

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