

Kremlin Denies Russian Involvement in Democratic Party Hack

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Reports of Russian involvement in a hack, which saw emails from the U.S. Democratic National Committee (DNC) leaked online, are "absurd," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, the RBC newspaper reported Tuesday.

According to President Vladimir Putin's press secretary, "these absurd reports" were rejected by the well-known family of the U.S. presidential candidate, RBC reported.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has denied any Russian involvement in the hack, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday.

Russian intelligence agencies have been accused of orchestrating the release of some 20,000 emails from the DNC, in a scandal which has led to resignation of DNC chairperson Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

Robby Mook, the campaign manager for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, told reporters Sunday that “some experts are saying this was done by the Russians for the purpose of helping Donald Trump.”

Three U.S. security firms have claimed that the Kremlin sponsored the groups responsible for the hack.

Speculation on possible Russian connections within the team of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump remains ongoing in the U.S. press.

When asked by an American journalist to comment on the allegations of Russian involvement in the leak, Lavrov simply responded, “I wouldn’t like to use swear words.”

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