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Clinton Overtakes Trump as Russian Media's Most Talked-About U.S. Presidential Candidate

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U.S. Presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has overtaken her Republican rival Donald Trump as the most discussed candidate in the Russian media, the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

In the past three months, Democrat party candidate Clinton has been mentioned by the Russian media some 52,000 times. The figures gave her a significant lead on businessman Trump, who was mentioned just over 42,000 times.

The shift follows six months of Trump dominating the Russian headlines, Interfax reported. The trend has been largely credited to articles on a cyber-attack which saw Clinton's emails leaked, as well as speculation on a possible health scare.

Clinton also dominated the Russian media following Sunday's second presidential debate. The Secretary of State had been mentioned 800 times as of 9 am Moscow Time, while Donald Trump was mentioned just over 600 times.

Clinton has previously claimed that Moscow would "celebrate" if Trump became U.S. president. Billionaire Trump has praised Russian President Vladimir Putin on several occasions, giving him "an 'A' for leadership."

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