

## **Trump-Putin Meeting Rumored for May**

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Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President Donald Trump are rumored to have scheduled their first meet-up for the end of May.

The pair could meet before July's G20 summit in the German city of Hamburg, <u>Russia's</u> <u>Kommersant newspaper reported Wednesday</u>, citing unnamed sources on both sides of the Atlantic.

Trump is already expected to be in Europe from May 25 to May 27 to attend the NATO summit in Brussels and the G7 summit in the Italian city Taormina.

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Kremlin staff told Kommersant that they'd "never stopped working" on setting up a U.S.-Russia meeting, despite the increasingly firey rhetoric on both sides over issues such as Syria

and North Korea.

Putin's official spokesperson, however, formally denied the rumors.

Asked if a meeting would take place, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told <u>Russian state</u> <u>outlet Sputnik</u>, "There's nothing yet."

The talks would follow a meeting between President Putin and U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in mid-April. Despite public disagreements between Tillerson and his Russia counterpart Sergei Lavrov, Trump hailed the talks as "a great success."

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