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Russia This Week, in Pictures

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It's been a busy one for Vladimir Putin.

The Russian president took center stage at the unveiling of the controversial Kerch Bridge which links the Russian mainland to the annexed Crimean peninsula.

He also had several meetings with foreign dignitaries, including with newly elected Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

There were also several prominent deaths: United Russia's Yury Kotler was found with a gunshot to the head in an apparent suicide and Yelena Gremina, the heart of the progressive Teatr.doc, passed away.

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