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Twitter Suspends Account It Says Impersonated Vladimir Putin

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Twitter Inc said on Wednesday that it suspended an account for impersonating Russian President Vladimir Putin on the social media platform.

"We suspended @putinRF_eng for impersonation based on a valid report we received from Russian officials," Twitter said on Wednesday.

Twitter spokesman Ian Plunkett said in an email that the suspended account was not affiliated with Putin.

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> received from Russian officials. Our impersonation policy can be found here: https://t.co/PIBC4nGI8H
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According to archived images of the account, it was created in November 2012, had about 1 million followers and mainly posted official government links to Putin's public appearances.

Reuters was not immediately able to reach the Kremlin for comment.

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