

# Putin's Annual Press Conference, Live From Moscow

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President Vladimir Putin today held his 14th annual end-of-year press conference which began around noon.

Putin answered questions about Russia's economic future, the authorities' crackdown on musicians, the fear of nuclear war and the U.S. withdrawal from Syria.

The [televised](#) question-and-answer session is traditionally a closely managed marathon affair: Last year it lasted 3 hours and 50 minutes, which fell short of the previous record of 4 hours and 40 minutes.

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