

Belarus Will Never Send 'Bad Vodka' to the Russians, Lukashenko Promises Putin

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Belarus will only supply good vodka and snacks to Russia regardless of strains on bilateral ties, the country's President Alexander Lukashenko promised at a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday.

Lukashenko [arrived](#) in southern Russia's resort city of Sochi for talks that could last for up to three days, the Kremlin said earlier in the day. Observers [speculated](#) this year that Putin may look to forge a closer union between Minsk and Moscow, which he could head after his presidential term ends in 2024.

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“Whatever the conflicts and scandals, you must remember that we will never deliver bad vodka or bad snacks to the Russians,” Lukashenko swore to Putin, according to a Kremlin [transcript](#).

Before cameras were rushed out of the room, Putin said he was “sure” that the latest round of bilateral talks would prove useful.

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