

Voice-Command Robots Do Push-ups, Headstands for Putin

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Update: The Znak news website [reported](#) Thursday that the robots presented to President Putin appeared to be identical to models built by South Korea's Robotis Biolid company and sold on eBay and Amazon for around \$1000. Russian state media reported the robots were Russian-built.

President Vladimir Putin got to witness one of Russia's newest technological innovations during his visit to St. Petersburg on Tuesday: athletic robots.

Putin's busy schedule took him to a shipyard where he [unveiled](#) the world's longest nuclear submarine capable of carrying thermonuclear underwater drones; to a geographical society where he [examined](#) plans to create a massive park zone; and to the Suvorov Military Academy. The cadets [showed off](#) their campus to Putin, which included an exhibition chess game and other extracurricular activities.

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Footage from the academy [showed](#) cadets instructing two voice-command robots to do push-ups and headstands.

The pair of androids performed three push-ups as directed.

However, one of them appeared to malfunction when it stalled and fell after the cadet told it to do a headstand.

“It’s not the software’s fault, but the robots,” an unnamed IT instructor [said](#) of the mishap to St. Petersburg’s fontanka.ru news website. “The command came too late.”

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