

Putin Speaks With Trump on Coronavirus, Oil

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Russia's President Vladimir Putin on Friday spoke with U.S. counterpart Donald Trump for the third time in two weeks, discussing the coronavirus pandemic and global oil prices.

Putin earlier told the U.S.-Russian crew aboard the International Space Station that the ISS is "an example of an effective partnership of our countries" as the world fights the pandemic.

The two leaders spoke on March 30, after which Russia sent a plane of medical equipment to New York. On Thursday night, they discussed oil prices together with the King of Saudi Arabia.

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Friday's conversation focused on the new OPEC-driven agreement to cut oil output to shore

up prices, according to a readout published by the Kremlin.

The two also "discussed issues pertaining the coronavirus pandemic" and cooperation in space, it said.

A White House spokesman said the presidents "discussed the latest efforts to combat the coronavirus pandemic and maintain stability in global energy markets."

Trump and Putin have had a flurry of contacts since late March, with Trump saying on Thursday that they "get along very well," even though bilateral relations have been at their lowest point since the Cold War.

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