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Kremlin Says Biden's Address on Putin 'Unacceptable'

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Joe Biden addresses the nation **Zuma / TASS**

The Kremlin denounced Friday an address by U.S. President Joe Biden in which he compared Russia to Hamas and called Vladimir Putin a "tyrant."

"We do not accept such a tone in relation to the Russian Federation, in relation to our president," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

Biden, in an address to the nation from the Oval Office Thursday, said the United States had to stand behind Israel and Ukraine in the face of Russia and Hamas, who were trying to "completely annihilate a neighboring democracy."

He added: "We cannot and will not let terrorists like Hamas and tyrants like Putin win. I refuse to let that happen."

In a call with reporters Friday, Peskov said such "rhetoric is hardly suitable for responsible

leaders of states, and it can hardly be acceptable to us."

U.S. efforts to "contain" Russia would prove ineffective, he added.

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