

Putin Calls for 'Full-Fledged' State of Palestine in Talks With Abbas

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Vladimir Putin and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. **Alexei Maishev / POOL / TASS**

Russian President Vladimir Putin reiterated his calls for Palestinian statehood in a meeting with Palestinian National Authority President Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday.

"We believe that in order to ensure lasting, reliable and stable peace in the region, it's necessary to... create a full-fledged Palestinian state," Putin [told](#) Abbas at the presidential residence outside Moscow.

He also [expressed](#) "great pain and concern" about civilian deaths in Gaza during the Israel-Gaza war.

"We are concerned above all about civilian losses," Putin said, according to images shown on Russian state television, adding: "We are doing everything... to support Palestine and the Palestinian people."

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Abbas was scheduled to visit Moscow last November but [postponed](#) the trip after the brutal Oct. 7 attack on Israel by the Palestinian militant group Hamas triggered a deadly response by Israel.

Russia has maintained working relations with Israel, with Palestinian authorities and with Hamas, which Moscow does not consider a terrorist organization.

Last month, the Kremlin “strongly [condemned](#)” the killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh by an Israeli strike in Iran.

Putin has regularly called for the creation of a Palestinian state as a long-term solution to the conflict in Israel.

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