

Putin's Decree on New Ambassador to Poland Vanishes Without Explanation

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A presidential decree announcing a new Russian ambassador to Poland briefly appeared on Russia's official government <u>website</u> on Friday, before vanishing without explanation just hours later.

The state-run news agency TASS initially reported that Georgy Mikhno, a senior Foreign Ministry official <u>overseeing</u> "new challenges and threats," had been appointed to replace longtime envoy Sergei Andreev in Warsaw.

That report was later retracted, with TASS <u>noting</u> that "the relevant decrees were revoked" from the official government website.

The now-deleted decree stated that Mikhno, 52, would take over for Andreev, who has served as ambassador since 2014 and was reportedly due to step down, according to recent <u>rumors</u> in pro-Kremlin media.

Neither the Kremlin nor the Foreign Ministry has commented on the apparent reversal. The reason behind the appointment's publication and its sudden retraction remains unclear.

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