

Putin Ally Dmitry Kozak Resigns as Kremlin Deputy Chief of Staff

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President Vladimir Putin's longtime ally Dmitry Kozak has resigned as Kremlin deputy chief of staff, top spokesman Dmitry Peskov confirmed on Thursday.

His departure follows a New York Times [report](#) last month that alleged Kozak had lost favor with Putin after objecting to the 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

Once seen as a powerful Kremlin fixer, he has since kept a low profile and reportedly ceded key responsibilities to Sergei Kiriyenko, the influential first deputy chief of staff.

Kozak [submitted](#) his resignation over the weekend and is weighing offers to work in the private sector, according to the business news outlet RBC, which first reported the resignation on Wednesday.

The Kremlin later confirmed Kozak's resignation, with Peskov telling reports on Thursday that he chose to step down from his post for "personal reasons." He did not provide further

details.

An executive order relinquishing Kozak of his duties was published on the Kremlin's website later in the day.

Born in Soviet Ukraine's Kirovohrad region, Kozak worked in legal posts in St. Petersburg during the 1990s, when Putin served in the mayor's office. He joined the federal government in 1999 and followed Putin into the Kremlin after his election the following year.

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