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Putin Oversees Nuclear Forces Drills – Kremlin

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President Vladimir Putin oversaw routine strategic nuclear forces exercises on Wednesday, the Kremlin said.

Footage released by the Kremlin showed Putin overseeing the test intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launches from land, sea and air while seated alone in the presidential situation room.

The tests included the launch of a Yars ICBM from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome toward the Kura test range in the Kamchatka region. The missile has a range of up to 11,000 kilometers.

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A Sineva ballistic missile was launched from the Bryansk nuclear-powered submarine in the

Barents Sea, while Tu-95MS long-range bombers carried out launches of air-launched cruise missiles, the statement said.

“All objectives of the training exercise were achieved in full,” the Kremlin said.

Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov told Putin the drills were designed to practice “the procedure for authorizing and deploying nuclear weapons.”

Putin oversaw similar strategic forces drills in October 2024 and October 2023.

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