

Vietnam's Communist Leader Meets With Putin in Kremlin

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Vietnamese General Secretary and President To Lam (center-left) and his wife, Ngo Phuong Ly (center-right), attend a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier near the Kremlin. **Sergei Ilnitsky / POOL / AFP**

Vietnam's President and the General Secretary of the Communist Party To Lam is [meeting](#) with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin on Wednesday.

"We're expecting very substantive high-level talks today," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters during a morning press briefing.

Vietnam's Deputy Foreign Minister Le Thi Thu Hang previously said Hanoi expects a "breakthrough" in Russian-Vietnamese oil, gas and nuclear power cooperation.

To Lam, who last visited Moscow in May 2025 to attend the Victory Day parade on Red Square and sign a strategic partnership agreement with Russia, will hold a joint press briefing with Putin after talks between Vietnamese and Russian officials.

In addition, Putin and To Lam will preside over the formal launch of a joint infectious disease research laboratory via video link.

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During his three-day state visit to Moscow, which began Monday, To Lam has so far met with Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev and upper-house Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matvienko.

To Lam also [met](#) with Russian Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, Russian war veterans and members of the Vietnamese diaspora at the embassy in Moscow, where he emphasized Vietnam's transition toward diversified international integration.

Russia remains Vietnam's top arms supplier and is involved in nuclear power and South China Sea gas projects, including in waters also claimed by China, though Hanoi has been diversifying its military sourcing.

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