
PUTIN ARRIVES IN KYRGYZSTAN FOR STATE VISIT

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Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Kyrgyzstan for a state visit on Thursday.

The Russian president is due to hold talks in Bishkek with his Kyrgyz counterpart Sooronbay Jeenbekov, and later the two leaders will take part in the Russian-Kyrgyz international conference and visit the museum of Soviet and Kyrgyz writer Chyngyz Aitmatov.

"During the talks the heads of state will discuss the current state and prospects of developing Russian-Kyrgyz relations of strategic partnership and alliance," the Kremlin press service said. "An exchange of views will be held on the issues of deepening cooperation in regional associations, including taking into account Kyrgyzstans presidency this year in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Collective Security Treaty Organization."

Kremlin Aide Yuri Ushakov earlier told reporters that the leaders are expected to sign a joint statement. Besides, a solid package of intergovernmental, inter-agency, regional and commercial documents will be signed in the presence of the leaders that cover cooperation in various areas.

After the talks the two presidents will attend a plenary session of the Russian-Kyrgyz Regional Conference. At the end of Putins visit to Bishkek the two leaders will also lay wreaths to the eternal flame.

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