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## **BIDEN TALKS TO PUTIN ABOUT UKRAINE, SUGGESTS MEETING**

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US President Joe Biden urged his Russian counterpart to reconsider deploying more troops near the Ukrainian border. Russia says the troops are there to conduct military drills.

US President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin talked on the phone Tuesday and discussed the increased Russian troop deployment on the border with Ukraine and a potential summit in a third country.

A White House statement said Biden "voiced our concerns over the sudden Russian military build-up in occupied Crimea and on Ukraine's borders, and called on Russia to de-escalate tensions."

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