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**PUTIN ARRIVES IN TAJIKISTAN TO BOOST TIES WITH CENTRAL ASIAN AND CIS NATIONS**

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*Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Tajikistan on Wednesday for a series of meetings with leaders of former Soviet republics focused on regional cooperation and Moscows influence in Central Asia.*

Putin is set to attend a Russia [ ] Asia summit on Thursday alongside the leaders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The discussions will later expand to include Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus at a broader Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) gathering.

The Russian leader, who limits foreign trips following an International Criminal Court arrest warrant over the deportation of Ukrainian children, has sought to strengthen ties with Asian partners as the war in Ukraine grinds on. His diplomatic push includes closer cooperation with China and North Korea, whose troops have reportedly joined the conflict.

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