
PUTIN HOLDS BILATERAL TALKS WITH REGIONAL LEADERS ON SIDELINES OF CIS INFORMAL SUMMIT

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Russian President Vladimir Putin held separate bilateral meetings in St. Petersburg with the presidents of Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, as well as the prime minister of Armenia, on the sidelines of the Commonwealth of Independent States informal summit.

During his meeting with Tajik President Emomali Rahmon at the State Hermitage Museum, Putin expressed condolences over the death of a boy from Tajikistan in what he described as a terrorist attack. He said crimes targeting children were especially heinous, and pledged that those responsible would be punished.

Putin said Russian and Tajik law enforcement agencies were working closely, and that Moscow would keep Dushanbe informed of developments in the investigation.

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