

Results of the year with Vladimir Putin

Vladimir Putin summed up the results of the year live and answered questions journalists and residents of the country.

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Dmitry Peskov: Good afternoon, good afternoon.

In a few days minutes the President will be here, and he will begin to sum up the results of the outgoing 2024. I would like to remind you that we have a combined format: a news conference and a direct line with the citizens of our country.

I ask you to exercise respect for your colleagues when I ask questions to journalists, and ask them As concisely and clearly as possible. This will allow the President to respond to more number of questions.

Moderators the co-hosts of today's program will be Alexandra Suvorova and Dmitry Kulko. They will communicate with the President, they have done a great job, they personally We have looked through very, very many, probably tens of thousands of citizens' appeals. They understand what citizens are asking, and will help the President to designate those topics that are mainly on the agenda in our country.

You are welcome.

Anna Suvorova: Good afternoon.

The program is on the air "Results of the Year with Vladimir Putin". Traditionally, you could ask your question in several ways at once, and this can be done before the end of the program, because my colleagues continue to process all incoming messages.

First, by phone number: 8–800–200–40–40. You can also send an SMS or MMS message to the number 0–40–40; ask your question via the social networks VKontakte or "Classmates". In addition, there is a website moscow-putin.ru and the one of the same name application.

At the moment, according to recent statistics, there are already more than two million 200 thousand appeals. At the same time, one million 200 thousand are phone calls. SMS messages – about 43 thousand. More than 140 thousand people applied through the site. We see how these numbers continue to increase in real time.

There are also interesting facts for the years since the program "Results of the Year with Vladimir Putin" has been held. The fact is that earlier there was only a direct line format, it was held separately, and separately - a press conference. The combined format takes place in the third format time. At first, it was before covid, then after covid, already 2023, and now, 2024, when the continuation of combined formats, where they can have their own questions should be asked by the citizens of our country and, of course, by journalists.

From statistics there are interesting figures like this. For example, the maximum number of questions that in 2015, two million 250 thousand appeals were received by the President. Now this number is smaller. But I think that the point is also that there are regional direct lines when questions from all citizens are answered by governors in the regions. And thus, some of the issues are already being resolved at the regional level.

It is worth noting that if you add up all the time that Vladimir Putin answered questions during the of such formats, then this is already more than 64 hours. Inclusions from the regions, they have been held since the very beginning, since 2001, and it is worth noting that this format of course, today, of course, in the years that the Direct Line and the results of the year have passed, people are very actively involved and, of course, not only

some questions, problems and requests are sent to the head of state, but also words of Gratitude. And now, given that on December 19, they also congratulate you on the New Year, there is also such a tendency.

Of course, today in the center of attention, given the appeals that we have selected, is a huge block of social issues, there are a lot of issues related to the special military operation. Of course, there is also a block of international topics. So, here we go.

Dmitry Kulko: President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

For the third year in a row, they have been involved in the preparation of our program and in the processing of appeals volunteers of the All-Russian People's Front. But this year they also Veterans of the special military operation also joined. All 10 days since the opening of the telephone line, they also received phone calls, but today the work of the All-Russian People's Front does not end. Moreover, it can be said that it is only beginning, because immediately after the broadcast, the volunteers of the People's Front will continue work on these appeals, so that none of them is left unattended.

Anna Suvorova: And I would like to note that in the course of preparations for the Results of the Year programme, some of the requests and some of the questions have already been processed and solved jointly by volunteers of the Popular Front with regional and federal Authorities.

There is one more thing. This year's difference. He helped us in working with these appeals and questions using artificial intelligence from Sber - GigaChat. I know that you, Vladimir Vladimirovich, we have already managed to get acquainted with him.

Vladimir Putin: Exactly.

Dmitry Kulko: Yes, GigaChat has drawn a conclusion. This technology allows you not only to transcribe audio messages into text, but also to highlight the meaning and the essence of the problem, so the processing of appeals this year is significantly accelerated. And you will be able to make these GigaChat withdrawals throughout the program see on the screen. These are the main topics of citizens' appeals both in the country and in each region. And of course, we will turn to this virtual assistant throughout the program.

Anna Suvorova: But before we start asking questions, that citizens and, of course, our colleagues, journalists, have, I would like to ask the first, general question For your part, ask.

Now this is the case the feeling that the world has either already gone crazy or is going crazy because of the conflict The potential in all parts of the world is actually off the scale now, the world economy is also in a difficult situation. How does Russia manage not only to stay afloat, but also to continue its growth?

Vladimir Putin: You know, when everything is calm, measured, stable, we are bored. Stagnation. I want movement. As soon as The movement begins, everything whistles at the temple: both seconds and bullets. Unfortunately, and the bullets Now they are whistling. We are so scared, "horror-horror". Well, "horror". But not "horror-horror-horror".

Everything is measured Economy. Traditionally, we start with the economy. Despite your somewhat This is a provocative question, let's look at the economy. Everything is on the economy, this is the basis of the foundations. This is the standard of living of citizens, this is stability, this is Defence capability is all about the economy.

The situation with the economy in Russia as a whole is normal and stable. We are developing, In spite of everything, in spite of any external threats and attempts to influence on us.

Last year, as you know, the economy grew by 3.6 percent, and this year It will be 3.9, and maybe even four. We will have to see, because the calculation of the results of the end of the year is calculated almost in the first quarter of the next, 2025 in this case, year, and may Perhaps there will be four. This means that in two years the economy has grown about 8 percent, because, as experts say, I This morning I also exchanged opinions, tenths, hundredths of a percent – this is virtual thing. About eight in two years. In the United States it is 5-6 percent, in the Eurozone it is 1 percent, in the leading economy of the Eurozone, in Germany, it is zero. Apparently, next year it will be zero.

International financial and economic institutions put Russia in first place in Europe in terms of economic volume, in terms of purchasing power parity, and fourth in the world. China is ahead, United States, India. We overtook Germany last year and this year

overtook Japan. But this is not an indicator on which we should fall asleep and calm down. Of course not.

Everything is developing, everything is actively moving forward. If the Eurozone has fallen asleep, that is, other centers of world development, they are also moving forward. And in the Eurozone, and in the United States, the situation is also changing. We are We must maintain the momentum and change the quality of our economy.

There are other indicators that are, to put it mildly, satisfactory. Firstly, one of these serious indicators for all countries of the world, for all economies – this is the level of Unemployment. It is at a record low of 2.3 percent. This has never happened. This is the first thing.

The second is the growth of certain industries production, industry. Our industry grew by 4.4 percent. And the processing industry – 8.1 percent, and in the section by industry – even more for some.

Yes, of course, the alarm signal is inflation. Just yesterday, when I was preparing for today's event, I also spoke with the Chairman of the Central Bank. Elvira [Nabiullina] to me She said that it is already somewhere between 9.2 and 9.3 percent, but wages have increased by 9 percent in real terms. I want to emphasize this, precisely in the real sense, minus Inflation. And disposable incomes of the population have also grown. So in general, this The situation is stable, I repeat, and reliable.

There are some problems here, I repeat, With this inflation, we have such a warming up of the economy, both the Government and the Central Bank have already set the task of bringing these rates down to some ground, and next year, I think, according to various estimates, we should have about 2-2.5 Percent. Such a soft landing in order to maintain macroeconomic Indicators.

This is what we should strive for. And we will probably talk about this later during our meeting today. On the whole The situation is stable and reliable.

Anna Suvorova: One clarifying question, because there are indeed a lot of questions related With the rise in prices, we will return to it later. You have just cited Germany and

Japan as examples. I want to dwell on Germany, that there is zero percent, you cited how as one of the options for where there used to be economic growth.

Do you think this is related to the probably with politics and sovereignty, because not so long ago, when you spoke at the VTB Forum "Russia Calling", recalled how at the birthday party Gerhard Schroeder's songs were all in English, but not in German.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, there were. Here is a curious episode. It was already A long time ago, it was Gerhard's birthday, he invited me, I came. There was a small concert, and indeed all the bands performed songs in English. I said even then: "Even the choir of girls in Hanover sang in English."

But there was one group that sang in German. This is the Kuban Cossack Choir. Which I brought with me. Moreover, for I was completely surprised, I asked them: "How do you know this?" I was told: "Out of respect for the Germans, out of respect for our hosts, the host On the way, we learned and sang in German, including songs region where we were."

Then many people came up to me at half-time (I am saying what really happened), came up and said: "We are ashamed, Honestly, we are ashamed that only Russian Cossacks sang in German here."

I told a colleague who was there event that has now been remembered. You know, sovereignty is very important thing, it must be inside, in the heart. I think that in the post-war years this feeling was eradicated from the German people – the sense of their homeland and sovereignty.

After all, who are Europeans? They are all are proud that they are Europeans. But they are first and foremost French, Germans, Italians, The Spaniards, and then the Europeans. They are trying to smooth everything out, to polish something. And in the end, this affects everything, including the economy.

I spoke about the growth of our economy – this is To a large extent, it is the result of strengthening sovereignty, including the sovereignty projected on the economy.

From our market Many manufacturers have left. What did this lead to? Our entrepreneurs started themselves to produce these goods, this has caused the need to bring to life to carry out some additional To involve research and institutions, including development institutions. All this – and we are talking about it – strengthening technological sovereignty.

Sovereignty Different: defense, technological, scientific, educational, cultural. This is very important. For our country, this is especially important, because in case of loss sovereignty, we are losing statehood. This is the most important thing.

Consolidation sovereignty is also the result of economic growth.

Dmitry Kulko: Mr President, I I suggest that we move on to questions from our citizens.

Vladimir Putin: Go ahead, please.

Dmitry Kulko: You are talking about growth Economy. Indeed, if you look at the economic indicators, they They look good, most Russian enterprises are now loaded, salaries are really growing, but they do not keep up with the rise in prices.

Many Russians wrote to us about this, and our artificial intelligence analyzed it All these appeals and compiled a rating of regions where residents asked questions more often about rising prices. This is like the eastern regions, for example, the Kamchatka Territory, the Sakhalin Region region, and the westernmost region of the country - the Kaliningrad region. As you grow prices were also associated with most of the appeals from residents of the Irkutsk region. That is The topic is relevant.

Anna Suvorova: Of course, Actual. Now I will announce a few more figures, which are cited among others now our GigaChat, which we work with.

Most Popular appeals are associated with the rise in price of bread, fish, milk, eggs, butter. In addition, they are also talking about rising fuel prices. This is just a folder of what we have selected - the appeals of citizens who were on this topic.

And if you even look at the official statistics of Rosstat, yesterday In the evening, we see that the prices for fruits and vegetables for the last week increased by 3.4 percent, including, for example, cucumbers rose in price by 10 percent with a rise in price in November by 43 percent.

В.Путин: Я, во-первых, прошу прощения у аудитории, особенно у тех, кто нас слушает сегодня, видит, следит за нашей работой по различным средствам массовой информации, в интернете. Когда я сказал, что рост цен, инфляция где-то девять процентов с небольшим – 9,2–9,3, а есть рост заработных плат и располагаемых реальных доходов населения, это усреднённые цифры. И конечно, страна огромная. И где-то кто-то меня послушает, скажет: ну что ты несёшь, какое повышение благосостояния, у меня как было, так и есть. А кто-то скажет: у меня меньше стало. Такое, конечно, бывает, такое есть. Я говорю об усреднённых цифрах, потому что, когда мы что-то планируем, мы должны оперировать чем-то, на что-то опираться, и мы не можем опираться ни на что другое, кроме как на усреднённый показатель.

Но по поводу роста цен: здесь существуют вещи и объективного характера, и субъективного.

И самое главное, предложение на рынке должно соответствовать доходам населения, или доходы населения, покупательная способность должны соответствовать объёму производимых в стране товаров. У нас доходы и заработные платы росли более быстрыми темпами, чем нарастание этой товарной массы и выпуск продукции.

Объясню. Скажем, у нас постоянно растёт производство продуктов питания, я ещё об этом скажу, наверняка будут какие-то вопросы по сельскому хозяйству. Сейчас, забегая вперёд, скажу: плюс три процента ежегодно. По мясу мы полностью себя обеспечиваем, 100 процентов.

Это хороший показатель. Но это с чем связано? У нас потребление мяса в год – примерно 80 килограмм на человека, а в мире – 42 примерно, усреднённый показатель. Вроде бы хватает, но всё равно. Потребление мяса у нас выросло в два раза за последнее время, понимаете? В два раза.

По молоку. У нас каждый год увеличивается производство молока, но увеличивается и потребление молока, не хватает его для того, чтобы производить масло. Рост цен на масло, я знаю, 33–34 процента, в некоторых регионах примерно так, может, там где-то и больше.

It's just that the number of products has not increased as much as it has increased Consumption is the first thing. Here, of course, you just need to work in the industry I mean, I'll talk about it in a moment.

The second objective reason is the harvest.

The third objective reason is the rise in world prices for some groceries.

And of course, to a certain extent, those external restrictions sanctions and so on. They are not of key importance, but still one way or another They are reflected because they increase the cost of logistics and so on.

But there are also subjective ones, there are also our shortcomings. For example some experts believe that the Central Bank could have been more effective earlier start using certain tools that are not related to promotion key rate. Yes, the Central Bank began to do this somewhere in the summer. But, I repeat, these Experts believe that this could and should have been done earlier. There are many of them, I will not list them now, and there is no need to bore our audience these considerations regarding the various ways of regulating the Central jar.

The government is working efficiently and quite satisfactorily And he does a lot when he thinks about the future, and you always need to think about the future. Even in the most difficult times of the Great Patriotic War, we know these examples, thought about the future. And they did, as it turned out later, correctly.

Our government thinks about the future: formulates tasks, National development goals and national projects are great, but it would be a good idea to work in a timely manner and think about the development of individual sectors of production and consumer goods. I will not repeat them now, perhaps there will be more questions about individual industries. Have to would be to make these timely decisions.

Rising prices are an unpleasant and bad thing in fact. But I hope that, while generally maintaining macroeconomic indicators, we are also We can do it, because macroeconomics is at the heart of the health of the economy as a whole.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, today we have a combined format: a direct line and a news conference. Now I suggest that we ask our colleagues, journalists, a question.

Anna Suvorova: We We feel the audience eager to ask a question.

Dmitry Peskov: Hall really thirsty, let me...

Question (from the audience): ...

Dmitry Peskov: You You know, if we do this, then, unfortunately, we will show disrespect to everyone else.

Vladimir Putin: Nevertheless... Let's not do that anymore, but let's get started. What is your name?

Anna Khastsayeva: Alina Khastsayeva information portal "15th region", North Ossetia.

Vladimir Putin: Please, Alina, please.

Anna Khastsayeva: In today's realities, the issue of military personnel potential is becoming very important Important. In the North Caucasus, there were many educational institutions that trained military specialists. In particular, in North Ossetia, this is the North Caucasian Military Institute of Internal Troops.

The university, without exaggeration, is legendary, seven of its graduates are Heroes of the Soviet Union, fourteen - Heroes of Russia. To this day, its graduates continue to successfully carry out the combat missions of our state. Among ex-Minister of Internal Affairs Anatoly Kulikov, of the last graduates - Sergey Khairutdinov became a Hero of Russia during his participation in the special operation.

Is it possible to revive this educational institution, which is it so necessary not only for the North Caucasus, but for the whole of Russia?

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Alina, Thank you for this question. So this is a good discovery, don't be angry with Alina. And here's why.

Firstly, North Ossetia has always been an outpost of Russia on this direction, in the Caucasus, and at all times justified its high destination. We know how the inhabitants of the republic treat their small Motherland, and our great common Motherland, Russia, we have always defended it and performed this function very worthily and brilliantly.

You mentioned the reduction of schools. This is not due to the fact that in Ossetia They decided to close it. This is due to the fact that the network of military schools in general, as a Military specialists, military departments calculated, it was oversized and there was no need for so many specialists, so many military men for such an army as the army Russia. Now we are increasing the army and law enforcement units by virtue of the whole a number of circumstances to one and a half million people. I can't do it now To say: yes, we will do it tomorrow. But I promise you that we will definitely work it out.

Thank you.

Dmitry Peskov: We continue to work with the audience. Let's go back to the very center.

ITAR-TASS, You are welcome.

Mikhail Petrov: Mikhail Petrov, editor-in-chief of TASS.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, before I ask a question, I want to thank you.

TASS This year celebrates its 120th anniversary. We are the oldest news agency in the country. This year, in August, you signed an executive order awarding the TASS team with

the Order "For Valiant Labor". From the entire large TASS team on their I would like to convey my many thanks to you. This is a high assessment of our work.

Vladimir Putin: Thank you.

Maxim Petrov: As for I think this question is of concern to everyone today. By the way, when TASS during the Great Patriotic War transmitted reports from the front, Probably, it was the same today, when our guys work in the special military operation, they are worried about it.

How You assess the progress of the special military operation, which continues without A small one is three years old? Has victory become closer?

Vladimir Putin: Of course, I am I counted on questions of this kind. There are many of them in the volume that has been received for the previous days. Moreover, I am also grateful to you for this, because it is gives us the opportunity to show what is happening and what our guys are doing on the line combat contact.

You You know, the soldiers with whom I communicate regularly give me their souvenirs, They pass chevrons, transfer weapons of some kind, and so on. More recently, the fighters of the 155th Marine Brigade of the Pacific Fleet gave me a copy of their battle flag.

Whom Can I ask for assistance? Come up to me, please, and someone from this side. I have a big request for you: please stand here, and you will Here, and please unfurl this banner on both sides.

Dmitry Kulko: Marines of the Pacific Fleet.

Vladimir Putin: Yes.

I I took it with me on purpose.

Firstly I wanted to thank the guys for this gift.

Second. Let's assume that this is the banner of the 155th Marine Brigade of the Pacific Fleet here he presents all the battle banners of our fighters who are now fighting for Russia, for the Motherland along the entire line of contact.

Must to say that the situation is changing dramatically. You know this well, and it's simple I want to confirm. Movement goes along the entire front line every day.

And, as I have already I said that we are not talking about advancing by 100, 200, 300 meters, our fighters are returning the territory by square kilometers. Want to emphasize, every day. Why does this happen?

Firstly for the previous year, this is basically a classic of the development of hostilities, first The enemy climbs, he is seriously defeated in equipment, ammunition, personnel, and then they begin to move forward themselves. This is exactly what happens in our country. Combat operations are a complex thing, and therefore it is difficult to think ahead And there is no need. But this is exactly what happens. And we are moving, as we said, towards a solution of our primary tasks, which we outlined at the beginning of the special military Operation.

A what As for the guys, they act, I constantly talk about it and will repeat it, Because there is every reason for this, they act heroically. Possibilities The Armed Forces are growing. Now the 155th brigade is fighting in the Kursk region, It squeezes out, knocks the enemy out of our territory. Of course, they are not alone there, the 810th Marine Brigade of the Black Sea Fleet, the 76th and 106th are also fighting there airborne divisions, motorized riflemen, motorized infantry of the "North" group. Everyone fights in a direct heroically. And at the moment they are fighting. Let's wish them all - both those who are fighting in the Kursk region and those who are fighting along the entire front line - good luck, victory and return home.

Thank you.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, I have just returned from the Kursk region. With those units and formations of which you spoke and which are now fulfilling their sacred duty – liberating our land, we worked for several weeks at the front lines, filmed reports.

The 155th Brigade, in particular, liberated several settlements points, we also talked about this.

We are in the reports, we show that when the enemy is knocked out of a settlement, then he, as if in revenge, begins to hit these streets with drones and artillery. We are come to the newly liberated Borki, Snagost, Lyubimovka. And this can be seen in the footage - the houses are intact, and then Ukrainian shells fly into them. That is Residents of the border area now simply have nowhere to return. They are trying to somehow build life anew.

I suggest contacting Tatyana Nikolaevna Ziborova by phone. She is now is forced to live in a temporary accommodation center in the Kursk region. Tatyana Nikolaevna, can you hear us?

Tatyana Ziborova: Yes, I do.

Dmitry Kulko: Ask your question President.

Tatyana Ziborova: Good afternoon, Dear Vladimir Vladimirovich!

Vladimir Putin: Good afternoon.

Tatyana Ziborova: I am a resident of Kursk region, Bolshesoldatsky district.

I have this question for you from all residents of the Kursk region. When will they be released at all? our Kursk region? When will they drive the Armed Forces of Ukraine so far that they do not even dare to show themselves to us and so that they cannot even look in our direction? When we Will we be able to return to our homes or somewhere, something so that we have our own home?

And one more thing. Will small villages that were broken up be restored, will it be restored infrastructure? It is from the residents of the Bolshesoldatsky district that we have the following question: will the residents of Bolshesoldatsky be included in the list for housing Certificates? Now they are not issued to us, since the Armed Forces of Ukraine did not visit us and we are not listed for obtaining certificates.

President of Russia Vladimir Putin: Tatyana Nikolaevna, There is no doubt. Now I cannot and do not want to name a specific date when They will knock you out. The guys are fighting, right now there is a battle, the fighting is serious. I have already said, it is not clear why, there was no military sense for the armed forces to enter Ukraine in the Kursk region, to hold on there now, as they do, throwing their best assault groups and units there for slaughter. Nevertheless, it is happening.

We are We will definitely knock them out, absolutely for sure. It cannot be otherwise. A question about a specific date – sorry, I just can't do it now. I imagine, I know, There are plans. They are reported to me on a regular basis. But to say, to such a number, – this is not how it is done. And the guys can hear me. A day or two, I will name such a date, They will go to all costs by this date, they will not reckon with losses. We are We can't do that. A day or two in this case does not matter much, but: a) they will definitely knock it out, and b) after that it will be possible to assess the damage; But what is the most The main thing: c) everything will be restored. There can be no doubt.

Will to restore both the road network and the communal infrastructure, and social facilities (schools, kindergartens), we will restore clubs, housing, of course, and certificates for restoration will be issued Speciality.

To the Those who want to move, we will help them move to other regions. Already If my memory serves me correctly, about 108 billion rubles have been allocated for these purposes Rubles. The first money, I know, has already been received. The administration will work all holidays, will meet with people and resolve issues, including certificates.

I I understand that there is nothing good in this, in what is happening to you, people suffer heavy losses, losses and inconveniences such as everyday life, especially those related to children. But we will definitely do everything, do not hesitate, Tatyana Nikolaevna, everything We will restore it, and everyone who needs to restore housing will be satisfied in this sense, everyone will receive everything that is due.

And I very much hope that the new head of the region, who has been appointed to the Kursk Region, is basically an experienced person who knows how to work directly with people, which is why I appointed him there, he has been working in the State Duma for a

long time, he works directly with his voters, he knows how to do it do. I hope that this will be the case, there will be individual work with everyone Established.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, our fighters who are liberating the Kursk region right now, there is no status of a participant in the special military operation.

Vladimir Putin: What?

Dmitry Kulko: No status participant in the special military operation.

Vladimir Putin: Why?

Dmitry Kulko: Because they participants in the counter-terrorist operation. This affects, among other things, the payments they receive.

Us wrote several appeals, mainly wives of military personnel: "My husband serves in an assault company, is in the Kursk region, performs combat missions. In October and November, he received a monetary allowance of 42 thousand rubles, although he is in combat positions. Many fighters have not received combat for three or four months per diem payments. They argue that they are in the CTO zone, not the NWO."

Yet one appeal: "In the Kursk region, they pay a monetary allowance of 25 thousand rubles per month, and not 210 thousand rubles, as promised in the contracts of the Ministry defense."

Is it possible to correct this situation?

Vladimir Putin: It is possible and necessary. This is our omission. For me, this is unexpected information. I understand what We are talking.

Those Fighters, our servicemen who fought in other sectors of the front, are participants in hostilities. If they were moved to the Kursk region, they all They receive, they must receive. I'll check.

I guess There is a category that did not take any part at all before, did not fight on the line of contact, immediately got into the Kursk region and did not fall into the category of participants in a special military operation.

Honestly Speaking of which, it did not occur to me. I apologize, but it will all be Fixed. It's a pity that the military department did not pay attention to this - after all This is primarily their duty.

All Let's fix it, everyone will receive everything that is due to the servicemen who perform his duty to the Motherland on the line of contact. Let's recalculate and back Number.

Dmitry Kulko: Thank you very much.

Vladimir Putin: Absolutely, There is no doubt.

Dmitry Kulko: I personally know the fighters, who are now very much waiting for such an answer.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, yes. I want The guys heard me. Guys, don't worry, and don't let your families worry: everything will be recalculated, and all the due payments, and combat payments, everything, what is supposed to be done, everything will be done.

Dmitry Kulko: Mr President, You have already said today that the Armed Forces of Ukraine are simply sending their own to slaughter special forces in the Kursk region. Indeed, the losses there are colossal, This is literally striking. I have so many abandoned bodies To be honest, I have never seen the enemy, they are really overwhelmed with them forest plantations. And how much NATO equipment our fighters have hammered there: Abrams, Bradley, and Leopard. You know how they say: now the Kursk region, on this Kursk region The world is home to the world's largest cemetery of NATO equipment.

Vladimir Putin: Maybe yes.

Dmitry Kulko: But this is the only one of its kind Just a moment...

Vladimir Putin: Now the number armored vehicles knocked out in the Kursk region, in my opinion, have already outgrown the number equipment destroyed by our guys for the whole of last year along the entire line of combat contacts, approximately comparable figures.

Dmitry Kulko: Allow me to ask, To put in a word for the fighters, for the very ones who beat this equipment: will they receive the promised reward?

Vladimir Putin: For damaged equipment?

Dmitry Kulko: Yes.

Vladimir Putin: Of course, they should. Why, Are there any problems with this?

Dmitry Kulko: It's a bit hard, honestly Speaking.

Vladimir Putin: Strange. I know that the Defence Minister is listening to our conversation now, and all this will be done. Even No one should have any doubts about this. Everything will be done.

Dmitry Kulko: Thank you.

Dmitry Peskov: Maybe we will move to the hall?

Vladimir Putin: Yes.

Dmitry Peskov: Since we are talking about military issues, let's use the Zvezda TV channel, You are welcome.

Kirill Kokoveshnikov: Good afternoon.

Zvezda TV channel, Kokoveshnikov Constantine.

Vladimir Putin: Good afternoon.

Konstantin Kokoveshnikov: I cannot help but ask you about the statements we have heard recently several weeks, speaking about the world-wide footage of the first combat tests of the latest Oreshnik missile. One gets the impression that it really has no flaws, but in the West, for example, they continue to call it "Hazel" is a modification of old Soviet weapons and they say that this missile can be shot down by air defense even at the launch stage.

How could you do it Comment on whether it has any flaws?

If I may, clarifying question: what meaning did the creators of "Hazel" put into his name? Because there are different options in this regard.

Vladimir Putin: First, regarding whether these weapons are old or new, Modern. This is a modern, very new weapon. Everything that is done in any field of activity, relies on some previous developments, on previous achievements, and then people take a step forward. Everything is the same with "Hazel".

Yes, there were developments, and, by the way To put it, the developments of the Russian period of time. On this basis, scientists designers and engineers thought about what else to do, coordinated their position with the Ministry of Defense, with the customer. Eventually, it dawned on me, and I also took part in the final decision on whether to produce, not to produce, in what volume, when, how.

This is a new weapon. I repeat again One: These are medium-range and shorter-range weapons.

You said that some experts in the West believe that such a missile is easily shot down, destroyed, Especially at the initial flight trajectory.

What can you say to such people Experts? There are several types of air defense systems, as you know, you are from Zvezda, this is Patriot, these are more modern THAAD systems. I don't know if they exist in Ukraine or not, I don't think so. If The Americans will decide to supply, let them deliver, let them supply THAAD. These are more modern, similar to our S-400. If the Patriot can be correlated with the Russian S-300 system, then THAAD is the S-400, the characteristics are weaker, but in general the S-400.

Let them put them, we will put our guys in Ukraine, we will ask them to tell us what modern valuable solutions for us. When I say "our guys", I say without irony, we have someone to talk to in Ukraine, and there are many our guys, who also dream of saving their from the neo-Nazi regime.

There are other means is a missile defense system, missile defense, which has been talked about a lot, We discussed a lot. We once begged the Americans not to deploy this system so that we do not need to create systems of overcoming.

In the end, we did it. We have the Avangard glide unit, which does not fly along a trajectory, but creeps along the ground, does not go into space, is not a ballistic missile, and so on. We have done a lot to overcome missile defense.

In general, from the point of view of interests American taxpayers, this whole story is a costly thing that gives little that to ensure the security of their country. But this system has nevertheless been created in a significant volume. Two position areas have been created: one in Romania, one in Romania in Poland. In both cases, there are already 24 interceptor missiles on combat duty. I don't remember, I think, they are called "Standard-3". In Romania, this is, in my opinion, a modification of the "1B". The range of destruction is 300 kilometers, the height of destruction is from 80 to 250 kilometers.

В Польше более грозное оружие, поновее. Там дальность перехвата уже тысяча километров, а высота 500 километров. Но «Орешник» у нас – это оружие средней дальности, а оружие средней дальности – это тысяча, тысяча пятьсот, три и больше, до 5,5 тысячи. Дальность вот такая.

Теперь представим себе, что наша система стоит на удалении две тысячи километров. Просто даже противоракеты, расположенные на территории Польши, до него не достанут. Да, на первом участке, на разгонном участке, говорят, уязвимость большая. Во-первых, туда ничего не долетит, даже если эти позиционные районы не защищены, а они, конечно, защищаются. Ничего не долетает, нет таких систем, которые туда долетают.

The second thing is that It takes time to fly such a distance, and we have it in a few seconds The separation of warheads begins - and that's it, the train has left. So there is

no chance not in order to shoot down these missiles.

If those Western experts, about whom you have said, think so, let them offer us and let them offer them in the West and the United States, who pays them for their analysis, to produce some kind of technological An experiment, say, a high-tech duel of the XXI century.

Let them identify some object to defeat, say, in Kyiv, they will concentrate all their air defense and missile defense forces there, and we we'll hit it with Hazelnut, and we'll see what happens. We are to this are ready for the experiment. Is the other side ready? In any case, we do not rule this out, bearing in mind that all missile defence and air defence systems are still in operation.

It will be interesting for us. That What I have told you is what engineers, scientists, and the military are telling me Specialists. At the level of political leadership in the States, they also say something.

Let's conduct the following experiment, such a technological duel, and we'll see what happens. Interesting. I think that will be useful both for us and for the American side.

Kirill Kokoveshnikov: Why such a name?

Dmitry Peskov: Why Such a name?

Vladimir Putin: Honestly? I don't know.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's leave the hall At least one more question. Let's go in that direction. I see – "Russian Gazeta, maybe something on peaceful affairs?"

A.Gereykhanova: "Russian Gazeta", Aysel Gereykhanova.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, you recently signed an executive order on changing the nuclear doctrine. How are you Do you think the West heard the signal correctly, understood it correctly?

Vladimir Putin: I don't know how They understood. You need to ask them. I know what the content of these change, but this is not a new doctrine, it is really a change. Some I will name the key things. We are talking about some military dangers, new, which can escalate into military threats. This is the emergence of these missile defense systems, and some other things, and we name them.

Затем мы говорим о повышении ответственности неядерных государств, которые могут принимать участие в агрессии против Российской Федерации вместе со странами, которые обладают ядерным оружием. И если такие страны также будут, как и их союзники, создавать угрозу нашему суверенитету, существованию России, то тогда мы имеем в виду, что считаем себя вправе применять и против них наше ядерное оружие.

И наконец, ещё одна компонента, связанная с управлением ядерным оружием, и ещё одна, четвёртая, важная вещь – мы объявили о том, что если такие же угрозы будут создаваться для нашего союзника – члена Союзного государства, для Белоруссии, то Российская Федерация будет это рассматривать так же, как создание аналогичных угроз для самой России. И мы сделаем всё, чтобы обеспечить безопасность Белоруссии. Это мы делаем по согласованию с белорусским руководством, по согласованию с Президентом Белоруссии Александром Григорьевичем Лукашенко. И я думаю, что это очень важная компонента обновлённой ядерной стратегии Российской Федерации.

А.Суворова: Дмитрий Сергеевич, давайте ещё один вопрос из зала. Вижу, что рука на микрофоне уже у Вас.

Д.Песков: Да, давайте.

Д.Шучалина: Владимир Владимирович, Арктике слово.

Д.Песков: Мы договорились, что мы не будем кричать и мы будем уважать друг друга.

В.Путин: Да, давайте кричать не будем и будем уважать, но Арктике слово дадим. Давайте начальство будем слушаться.

Д.Шучалина: Владимир Владимирович, добрый день! Дарья Шучалина, Республика Коми, газета «Республика».

Во-первых, большое спасибо, что вернули в регион нашего земляка – Ростислава Гольдштейна. Он теперь врио главы и, скажем так, с места в карьер сразу приступил к работе, потому что хорошо знает регион. Спасибо за Ваш кадровый выбор.

В.Путин: Он хороший руководитель, чуткий человек, очень стабильный и системный. Надеюсь, что у него всё получится.

Д.Шучалина: Спасибо за него.

And to the proposals. In our country, in the Arctic territories, in the Far East, in the regions of the Far North and in the Komi Republic, there are many settlements with up to 2 thousand inhabitants, and, unfortunately, such settlements do not fall into the very A good state program for the arrangement of cinema halls.

We are we understand that in the North, people are devoted to their small homeland, they do not leave for megacities, they serve the country in their villages and villages. And, let's face it, there is not much leisure in the North. Moreover, we are now very active The patriotic component of our national cinema is developing, and it would be great if it were possible to adjust this one by law The criterion in the program is that the northern settlements should have up to two thousand inhabitants could fall under the requirements so that people in comfortable, modern conditions could watch movies.

A what Touches on the theme of my poster. You were with us in your youth in the student student brigade and, like no one else, you know how much this Soviet practice was Effective. Today, unfortunately, the topic is not clearly spelled out by law.

Is it possible to amend Law No. 44 so that when it comes to state and municipal contracts, when it comes to construction projects at the expense of the budget, so that at least 10-15 percent of the total construction work can be laid For student brigades, because for young people it is a good new work experience and earnings, for enterprises it is a personnel support, for the regions it is an acceleration, the construction of much-needed social facilities.

Vladimir Putin: Once again, where does this 10 percent come from?

Darya Shuchalina: As for general construction work, so that municipalities or regions can lay the foundations.

Vladimir Putin: Yes. Those funds that are provided for to the construction industry, partially to the construction industry?

D.Shuchalina: Yes.

Vladimir Putin: I will talk to Khusnullin. Probably, this is It's possible. We are now engaged in revival, it is being revived. I think that It has been revived in fact – construction brigades, these movements of construction brigades.

Такой механизм финансирования, наверное, возможен, и, я думаю, он, кстати говоря, используется. Но я проверю и с Маратом Шакирзяновичем обязательно поговорю, хорошо?

Д.Шучалина: И про кинозалы.

В.Путин: Да. Спортивные залы или кинозалы?

Д.Шучалина: Кинозалы.

В.Путин: Вы знаете, совершенно для меня неожиданно.

Что касается Арктической зоны. Во-первых, мы там сохранили льготную ипотеку под 2 процента, так же, как Дальний Восток, и Арктика под 2 процента сохраняется ипотека, что, на мой взгляд, очень важно: люди пользуются этой льготой. Ещё для новых территорий тоже 2 процента сохраняется. Это первое.

Второе. Мы в этой зоне делаем целую программу для отдельных населённых пунктов (это 25 городов, по-моему, агломерации) и будем это расширять по всей стране до 200 городов.

Речь идёт о небольших населённых пунктах. Они могут не попасть в эти планы развития агломерации и отдельных городов числом 25. Мы, конечно, посмотрим, что можно сделать дополнительно для небольших населённых пунктов, для Арктической зоны. Безусловно, это очень важно, потому что они там в большинстве своём являются небольшими по количеству населения.

But Apparently, they proceeded from the fact that it is necessary to develop fast Internet and so on further, that this is sufficient. But I agree with you: when is it in the cinema hall There is a different atmosphere, a different mood. I will definitely look at it, I Marked.

Darya Shuchalina: Especially since we really have very high-quality Russian patriotic films.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, I agree. This is a separate topic. Many producers are leaving us, God bless them, and this pushes our own production, including film production. This is Really.

Taking into account this unifying upsurge of society, of course, historical society is also very important. Our fairy tales, epics and so on are being revived. I myself sometimes watch with pleasure with your loved ones.

You Right. I have made a note, we will try to respond to this.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's do it Another one from the hall, let's continue.

Dear friends, with all due respect, by asking two questions in a row, you deprive one of your colleagues of the opportunity to ask his question.

Vladimir Putin: Don't listen to Peskov, ask him.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's do it Then let's go in this direction.

Krasnoyarsk.

Dmitry Novikov: Good afternoon.

Dmitry Novikov, Yenisei TV channel, Krasnoyarsk.

Mr President, you called Krasnoyarsk the centre of Russia. Now the city is preparing to celebrate its 400th anniversary.

Vladimir Putin: Excuse me, that I interrupt, for God's sake, don't be angry. But I didn't name it, it's geographical center of Russia, and so it is.

Dmitry Novikov: Yes, Of course. The city is preparing to celebrate its 400th anniversary, we will celebrate it in 2028. And of course, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to Krasnoyarsk for the anniversary.

My question is as follows. Now the head RusHydro office, it was your initiative. It seems that it would be logical to continue this work in relation to a number of other companies, and not only state, but also business structures. For the region, these are additional taxes and, Of course, new opportunities for development. Are you considering such a possibility?

Спасибо.

В.Путин: Да.

Во-первых, я считаю, что это очень правильно, и некоторые, может быть, даже федеральные органы переводить в различные центры страны. Это всё-таки подталкивает развитие.

We are trying to concentrate all judicial power in St. Petersburg. In some countries, all this is happening. This unfastens a separate branch, as it were. authorities – the judiciary – from the presidential office, from the Government, makes it even geographically more independent and gives the functions of a capital city in this case to St. Petersburg.

But other centers, such as Krasnoyarsk, of course, need the tax component to work there more brightly, so that taxes paid at the place of production. This is just an impetus for the development of the region.

We will do it. The process is complex.

You mentioned RusHydro. Yes, indeed. When I appointed to this position, or rather, "blessed" the future Head of RusHydro Viktor Viktorovich Maryin, immediately said: we are ready Will you move to Krasnoyarsk? He says: yes. I said: what about the wife? In response: She will agree.

But it takes time, you know? It is necessary that the personnel are in place. So, it is very difficult to drag people out of Moscow. Not because they are lazy or do not want to go to Siberia. Children, schools, kindergartens, institutes are difficult process. And personnel on the spot need to be trained. Nevertheless, RusHydro moves there.

We will definitely work to ensure that large companies, I repeat, some other bodies of government were transferred to others regions of Russia. The territory is huge, the largest territory in the world. And, of course, it is necessary to distribute large production centres and companies across the country and governing bodies. But there is a limit to everything, because still, let's say, The President, the Government, they should be close to each other somewhere, very close interaction.

Nevertheless, we need to follow this path, and we will try to do so.

Thank you very much for the invitation.

Anna Suvorova: Some businessmen have even suggested moving the capital to Krasnoyarsk, and there have been such talks.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, about Krasnoyarsk, Irkutsk. Peter I I was going to do it at all, where to do it? In the south. I was choosing between St. Petersburg and the southern city, Taganrog, I wanted to do it in Taganrog. Initially, there was an idea in Taganrog to do the capital of the empire.

Dmitry Peskov: Vladimir Vladimirovich, I apologize, I just saw Andrei Rudenko here, our a respected military correspondent from Donetsk. I can't help but give him the floor.

Vladimir Putin: Please, Andrey.

Andrei Rudenko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, I have been working in the Donbas since 2014 as a military man correspondent, today I head the State Television and Radio Company "Donetsk".

I have the following question, it is quite serious. Throughout Donbass, in the Kherson region, Zaporozhye region, grandiose restoration work. But the war does not stop, we go forward, the enemy destroys Cities. Do we have enough strength and means to fully restore our historical territories that we have reclaimed?

Vladimir Putin: Enough, There should be no doubt about it. We have a huge program for restoration and development of these territories, it is designed until 2030. Work is already underway and will be carried out in a number of areas: the restoration of the road network, this is the restoration of housing, this is the restoration of facilities housing and communal services, social and cultural life.

As for roads: we plan to bring the entire road network of these regions in a normative, Russian state. You are from there, you know, that this work is already underway. There is a very good realizable start: we plan to build a ring road around the Sea of Azov, which became an internal by the sea of the Russian Federation. It will be the same road as the Tavrida in Crimea - four-lane traffic with all the advantages for such a highway.

One part has already been done, just the beginning, from the same Taganrog to Mariupol, this is a small section - 40 kilometers, but planning is underway around the entire Sea of Azov. There is another road - between Mariupol and Donetsk. It is almost 100 kilometers, to be more precise, I think it was 97. And the entire road network will be restored.

I repeat: this is backed by money. Some objects of social appointments have already been put into operation, in the same Donetsk - a perinatal center of the world in Mariupol – a medical center, in the Zaporizhzhia region, in the south, A very large children's clinical hospital is planned. Locals asked, and the governor insisted on it. Now, in my opinion, the layout is already It is coming, we will definitely build it.

In general, in all these areas, we have planned a large Work until 2030. Already now, mainly 21 thousand have been restored 11,000 of them are funded by the federal budget, and 10,000 are funded by the sponsor regions from all over the Russian Federation.

By the way, I want to look directly into the camera and thank you leaders and residents of these regions for this great help. This is national task. This is what has been done, but within the next few In five or six years, we must restore and build another 20,000 facilities, and all this will be done.

Andrei Rudenko: Mr President, I would like to say about the Lugansk People's Republic: for all the time there have never been roads there – I mean, during the time of Ukraine's governance. To date, the roads are perfect throughout the Lugansk People's Republic. People are immensely grateful.

Vladimir Putin: These are the most necessary thing we can and must do. We will do more.

As for specific regions, I would like to appeal to the residents of these regions and to the whole of Russia, so that people also know about the whole that these regions have a very good development potential, their tax The potential is very large. In the Lugansk People's Republic, for example, taxes that are collected have increased by 97 percent. In Donbass, I think, 69 percent already an increase in taxes. In Zaporozhye, in Kherson, in general, the growth is measured in the hundreds Percent. There, however, the corresponding figures are much smaller, the base is much lower Less, but what is the height?! Hundreds of percent, more than 200 percent in both. That is, the tax base is good, the revival is going on quite quickly, And all these regions are entering the zone of self-sufficiency.

Yes, we need to support people, we need to provide help in time, lend a shoulder. The country is doing this and will continue to do so until full entry of these regions into Russia – not legally, but in the sense of social and economic development.

Anna Suvorova: One Question to clarify: Mr President, are you talking about taxes – are you talking about tax collection in these regions?

Vladimir Putin: On the collection of taxes in these Regions.

I repeat once again: I may be mistaken in something, but in Donetsk the growth was already about 79 percent, in Lugansk - in general more than 90, and in Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, in these regions, More than 200 percent growth. The absolute numbers there are smaller, and the base was less, but it's just a trend, and it's sustainable.

Anna Suvorova: By the way, in general, a lot of different issues, including the calculation of pensions.

The fact is that often the length of service that was obtained earlier in Ukraine is now not taken into account. People simply do not have documents.

Let's listen to the video message of pensioner Leonid now Shipilova.

Vladimir Putin: Go ahead, please.

Leonid Shipilov: I'm Shipilov Leonid Nikolaevich, a pensioner from Krasny Liman. I have 45 years of experience. At the moment, I live in the city of Donetsk with my daughter, since in Krasny Liman Hostilities are underway.

In May 2022, my house burned down during shelling. Burned down labor book. In this regard, I cannot achieve a fair recalculation Pension. The only document that can confirm my length of service is a certificate OK-5.

In July of this year, I submitted it to the Pension Fund Kalininsky district of the city of Donetsk, but so far I have not followed any Response.

I ask you to help me understand the situation.

Vladimir Putin: Leonid Nikolaevich, these are everyday problems, but they are important for people, I am fine I understand this, I need to confirm the length of service. It was difficult to do this until recently time, but quite recently a law was adopted that the entire length of service received by the by a person in previous years, decades, is counted. I think in November there was A corresponding federal law has been adopted. Therefore, in order to solve your Question, there are regulatory grounds.

All questions of this kind, even if there are no documents, are closed testimonies and decisions of interdepartmental regional commissions. I ask the leadership of the republic to build their work in this way, so that issues of this kind are resolved without unnecessary bureaucracy.

Most recently, I spoke with Pushilin, the head of the Donetsk People's Republic. He told me about how he received a delegation from Africa. We are very happy to see our friends, guests, and he himself is going to go to Africa. This is very good, and this is right. It is necessary to maintain relations. But I want to remind him that there is also Leonid Nikolayevich, who also needs to be Pay attention. And I hope that the work of the interdepartmental regional commissions will be properly established. I repeat once again, especially since there is a Legal basis: the relevant federal law has been adopted.

Anna Suvorova: Indeed, Now there are a lot of appeals with a question about the loss of documents. And speech It is not only about pensions, but also about education and property rights. I want more quote several messages.

Vladimir Putin: I have already said that these Issues are closed by decisions of interdepartmental commissions and the so-called witness testimony. We are not talking about some kind of lawsuit, but about the fact that to get reliable information from neighbors, colleagues, and so on.

Anna Suvorova: More One big topic in this region is housing.

A lot of appeals and calls came from Mariupol from those who I expected to receive housing as compensation, but so far I have not been able to do so To be done. I will cite a few of them.

"Mariupol needs help in the construction of compensatory housing. How much more do we need to change the film?" - an SMS came with this text. "At home It was built in the spring, but the settlement has not yet begun," writes Alexei Tsygankov, here is one of the appeals.

In fact, there are also a sufficient number of them, this is only what We took it away.

Vladimir Putin: We are paying attention to Mariupol A lot of attention, and deservedly so, it's a big city. Before the outbreak of hostilities About 430 thousand people officially lived there. Local leaders They say that this is not actually the case, that there were more than 470 thousand. Maybe there are about three thousand apartment buildings there. I'm there I know all this, and my colleagues from the Government report regularly. About

1,700 houses have been restored, but not all have been commissioned yet, documents for more than 500 houses are still being drawn up, but they are already there.

What is happening there? Houses are being restored there and rebuilt. Where houses cannot be restored, local authorities are in this place, because that they decided to demolish the houses and transfer these plots for development developers, and there is commercial housing, which can be obtained on a mortgage at two percent.

Because mortgages at two percent are retained on new ones Territories. By the way, there is actually such a thing to a certain extent construction boom is happening, and it has already returned to the same Mariupol, according to ours estimated at least 300 thousand people, and the population is rapidly continues to grow.

We are also engaged in roads, schools, social and cultural life, and medicine – a large medical center has recently appeared there, and educational institutions. And we will continue to do so. But as for housing, I repeat, there are houses, which are transferred to developers. But people, citizens, have the right to get housing At least near the place where they used to live. It's better there if the house is being restored, people should already be provided with housing there, or if this is the case where a house built by the so-called developers appears, then it is necessary to do All so that this person could receive not somewhere there, on the outskirts, outside the city, but near the place where he lived before. In the city There are five thousand ownerless apartments. Local authorities need to stop them And you also need to distribute it among people. Of course, everything should be there Legally, someone else is coming back, we need to think it all over. But these questions are necessary decide.

One thing I can say for sure: everyone who is entitled to compensation, everyone This compensation will be received. If not, please contact the relevant authorities of both local and federal authorities. These In my opinion, the decision-making centres are located there, they created, they exist. If my memory serves me correctly, they are just on Marata Street. It was Marat Shakirzyanovich who reported this to me.

Anna Suvorova: Easy memorize.

Vladimir Putin: It's easy to remember. If I didn't confuse the place, but I think it's there.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, speaking about the southern regions, I would like to mention the environmental the situation that developed after the wreck of two tankers during a storm in the Kerch Strait.

Petroleum products was thrown ashore, on the beach in the Anapa region. And now, as we know, it is pollution spreads towards Gelendzhik.

Situation Deteriorates. Now employees of the Ministry of Emergency Situations, volunteers, and ordinary residents have come out to clean the coast. They shoot videos, post them on social networks and send them to our program, among other things. I suggest that we watch it now.

Vladimir Putin: Go ahead, please.

(A video is shown.)

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, such horrific footage from resort beaches. I know that you have already given instruction on the speedy elimination of the consequences of the emergency. But is it possible to somehow speed up work and minimize this pollution?

Vladimir Putin: First of all, it is Of course, the problem is environmental, this is quite obvious. Law Enforcement evaluate the actions of ship masters. I was informed that, in their opinion, The captains of the ships violated the relevant rules, did not go to shelter in time. Some ships went into cover, everything is fine with them, but these did not even go to anchor We stood in the wrong place. Let the relevant services deal with this The Ministry of Transport and law enforcement agencies are investigating. This is the first thing.

Straight Now, at this point in time, I don't know what's happening, but yesterday there was still a storm lasted 4-5 points, and it is quite difficult to work. By Saturday, I think, After all, the sea should calm down, it will be possible to establish work.

Second. Why do I say that this is a great misfortune and a disaster, because it is almost 40 percent of the fuel leaked, this is quite obvious, this is already clear. Some are submerged,

some have sunk, some are in a semi-submerged state near the shore. And we need to work with this.

Work various services, services of various departments, including the Ministry of Natural Resources, this is the Ministry of Transport, this is the Ministry of Emergency Situations. This work should be coordinated, I asked Prime Minister to organise a working group, headed by Savelyev Vitaly Gennadyevich, Deputy Prime Minister for Transport. And all services are working. I am regularly informed about what is happening.

Have to study, and it will be necessary to study the condition of the tankers. And it is necessary, Of course, think about what to do in the near future. This problem should be is divided into at least stages in time.

First stage. Now we need to do everything in order to fence this area with booms, not to allow this stain to spread. First.

Second. We must do everything to remove the fuel that appears on the shore. How do I Yesterday or the day before yesterday Governor Kondratyev Veniamin Ivanovich reported, he He said: I have concentrated a group of about 4 thousand people there. In principle, At least, he told me so, there is no need for any other measures now. But if necessary, we will certainly be ready to deploy an additional Emergencies Ministry group there.

But still, this is what needs to be done now. This is fuel, this is heating oil, it It has its properties at certain temperatures. It is solid material, it is thrown ashore in this form, it must be removed, but part of it Fuel oil has already sunk to the bottom, and somewhere in May it may be at different temperatures get up and throw yourself out too, so you need to prepare now for that moment, when the water temperature rises. We need to think now about the fact that we do with a rise. One way or another, you need to somehow pull out the flooded tankers to shore. We need to strengthen them now so that nothing leaks out, and so Bring the so-called towel there and then do the project, this is a separate A lot of work, and pull all the tankers with fuel ashore.

This is a lot of work. The government is working on this. Very much I hope that time will not be lost.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's go to the hall a couple of questions.

Mr President, if you do not mind, I see ours American journalist colleagues.

Vladimir Putin: Go ahead, please.

Dmitry Peskov: I see NBC, You are welcome.

Keith Simmons (retranslated): Mr President, Keir Simmons, NBC News: There are two questions, if I may.

The first concerns President-elect Trump.

Mr. President, you have failed to achieve the goals of the special military Operation. A large number of Russians have died, including the general against whom there was an assassination attempt here in Moscow this week. The head of Syria, who was removed from power.

Mr. President, when you meet with President Donald Trump, You will be a weaker leader. What are you going to do? What you can do Offer as a compromise?

And the second question, Mr President. The mother of an American journalist who missing in Syria, Austin Tice, sent you a letter and asked for your help in finding your son, because she said that you have connections with the Syrian government and former President Assad. Are you ready to to ask President Assad to provide information about what happened in Syria, in order to be able to find this missing son, the American Journalist?

Vladimir Putin: Once again Please repeat your question about the journalist. Where did the journalist disappear? When and what happened to him there?

Keith Simmons (retranslated): I have the letter that was sent to you this week, the mother of an American a journalist who went missing in Syria 12 years ago. His name is Austin Theis. In this letter she asks for your help in finding him, because as she says you have

close ties with former Syrian President Assad. Will you be able to You will ask President Assad to provide information regarding Austin Thais?

She is said that she was ready to come to Moscow if necessary, if it was will help you get possible information about her son.

Vladimir Putin: I understand. Sit down, please.

If To be honest, I have not yet met with President Assad after his arrival in Moscow. But I plan to do it, I will definitely talk to him.

We are We understand that 12 years ago, a person disappeared in Syria. 12 years Back. We understand what the situation was there 12 years ago. There were active Hostilities, and on both sides. Does President Assad himself know that happened to this American citizen, to a journalist who, I am so I understand, I was doing my journalistic duty in a war zone? Nevertheless, I promise that I will definitely ask this question, just as we can ask a question and those people who control the situation on the ground in Syria today.

You said: what can we offer or can I offer to the newly elected President Trump, when will we meet?

Firstly I don't know when we'll meet because he doesn't say anything about it. I haven't spoken to him at all for more than four years. I am ready for this, of course, at any time, and I will be ready to meet him if he wants it. You said that This conversation will take place in a situation where I will be in some kind of weakened state.

Esteemed colleague. Why do I say "dear"? Because, despite all the persecution of our press, we allow you to work in Russia, and you do it freely. Already have Ok. You and the people who pay you wages in the United States The United States would very much like Russia to be in a weakened position.

I I have a different point of view. I believe that Russia has become much stronger for the previous two to three years. Why? Because we become truly sovereign country, we no longer depend on anyone. We are able to confidently to stay on their feet from the point of

view of the economy. I have already talked about the pace of economic development
quoth.

We are We are strengthening our defence capability, the combat readiness of our Armed
Forces today is, I say confidently, at the highest level place in the world. At the highest
place in the world.

The same applies to our defense industry. We are increasing production Everything that is
needed for our army and navy, both at the moment and in the future. We do it quite
confidently, at a fast pace, which cannot be said about our opponents.

We are we have already talked about the successes of our Armed Forces. Last but not
least, occurs due to the growth of production of defense industries of the Russian
Federation. We are doing this, I repeat, confidently and sufficiently rationally.

Was It is said that our troops are advancing on the line of contact. So what? At the
expense of what? Including due to the availability of the equipment that I am talking about
now quoth. Yes, almost all NATO countries are at war with us.

We are We talked about our inflation. And what is happening there? One shell of 155
millimeters - 2 years ago it cost 2 thousand euros, now it costs 8 thousand euros - 4 times
rise in price. If everything develops at the same pace, then not only 2 percent on defense
spending, which the newly elected US President Mr. Trump, NATO countries will not be
enough. Even 3 percent will not be enough. Training, combat readiness, internal state of
the Russian troops one that, perhaps, no army in the world has today.

Therefore I believe that Russia today is to a large extent in a state which is what we
wanted. It has become stronger, it has become truly sovereign country, and we will make
decisions without any regard for other people's opinions, we will to be guided only by their
national interests.

You they said about Syria. You and those who, I repeat, pay wages, want to to present
everything that is happening in Syria as some kind of failure, a defeat for Russia. Assure
You that this is not so. And I will tell you why. After all, we came to Syria 10 years ago to so

that a terrorist enclave like we are not created there observed in some other countries, for example, in Afghanistan. In general, we The goal was achieved.

And even those groups that once fought against the Assad regime, with government troops, have also undergone internal changes. Not without reason today, many European countries and the United States want to get along with them relations. If they are terrorist organizations, why are you meddling there? So They've changed, haven't they? And this means that to a certain extent, the goal Achieved.

Further. We didn't have ground troops in Syria. They were simply not there. There are two of our bases there: Air Force and Naval. The ground component consisted of armed forces of Syria itself and some, as we all know, there is no secret here, so pro-Iranian combat formations. We even withdrew from there at one time Special Operations Forces. We didn't just fight there.

A what Did it happen there? As armed opposition groups approached Aleppo, Aleppo was defended by about 30 thousand people. 350 militants entered the city. Government troops, and with them the so-called pro-Iranian units, retreated without a fight, blew up their positions and left. And also practically, except for small exceptions, where there were some clashes, was throughout Syria. If earlier, for example, our Iranian Friends asked us to help them move their units to Syria, but now they have asked us to withdraw them from there. We took out 4 thousand Iranian fighters to Tehran from the Khmeimim base. Part of the so-called pro-Iranian units went without a fight to Lebanon, some to Iraq.

Today the situation is not easy, of course, in the Syrian Arab Republic. We are We very much hope that peace and tranquility will come there. We support relations with all the groups that control the situation there, with all the countries of the region. The overwhelming majority of them tell us that there would be We are interested in our military bases in Syria remaining.

I don't know, we have to think about it, because we have to decide for ourselves how it is with us relations will develop with those political forces that are now control and will continue to control the situation in this country in the future – ours Interests must coincide. If we stay there, it means that we must do something in the interests of the country where we are.

What is Will there be interests? What can we do for them? This is a question waiting of a painstaking researcher on both sides. We can already do something, including using these bases – we have already offered this to our partners, including which are located on the territory of Syria, and neighboring countries. Offered to use, say, the Khmeimim air base for the delivery of humanitarian aid to Syria. And this is accepted with understanding and desire to organize this work jointly. The same applies to the naval base in Tartus.

Therefore who would like to present Russia as weakened, because you are an American, I want to remember a well-known person and writer who once said: "Rumors about my death are greatly exaggerated."

If someday there will be a meeting with the newly elected President, Mr. D. Trump, I am sure we will have something to talk about.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, I would like to remind you of another question that my colleague asked – about the murder of General Kirillov.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, about the murder of the general Kirillov.

You said "assassination attempt". I am grateful to you for this, because You implicitly admitted that this is a terrorist act. Why? Because it is The murder was committed in a way that is dangerous to the lives of many.

The regime in Kiev has repeatedly committed such terrorist crimes crimes, terrorist attacks against many citizens of the Russian Federation, and in Kursk now, when they shoot civilians there – I mean in the Kursk Region – and in other territories of Russia, they killed journalists, your colleagues, committed terrorist attacks against journalists.

We have never heard – I am not referring to you personally – from the Western journalistic corps condemning such terrorist attacks. But I'll tell you I am grateful at least for the fact that you remembered this.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's do it We'll work with the audience a little more.

Anna Suvorova: Go ahead.

Dmitry Peskov: Also great interest.

I see "Tatars. BRICS". Just recently, I think we were in Kazan.

Vladimir Putin: By the way, I apologize, I want to address your American colleague. You me, Hear? If you have any more questions, please ask.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's go back to Kazan now.

Vladimir Putin: Go ahead.

You'll think, right? Formulate it, and in the meantime we will talk to the Tatars. Then - with the Americans.

Dmitry Peskov: Go ahead, please.

Keith Simmons (retranslated): Mine The question is: are you ready to compromise in any way on the issue of Kiev? You said that Ukraine should make compromises. Are you ready to compromise? What are you ready to offer as concessions? Negotiations are possible, that will be under Trump's leadership?

Vladimir Putin: I ask you I am sorry for missing this very important part of your question.

Politics is the art of compromise. And we have always said that We are ready for both negotiations and compromises. Just the opposite side, in the direct and figuratively in the sense of the word, refused to negotiate. And we are always towards this Ready. The result of these negotiations is always compromise.

After all, we reached an agreement, in fact, in Istanbul at the end 2022. I repeat for the hundredth time: the Ukrainian side initialed this document, which means that I generally agreed with it. Then for some reason she refused? It is clear why. Because your ally, Mr Johnson, a good-haired man, came and said that they needed to fight to the last Ukrainian. Here they are. Soon these Ukrainians who want to fight. In my opinion, there will soon be no one left who wants to fight.

We are ready, but we need that country to be ready for both negotiations and compromise.

Dmitry Peskov: Thank you.

Kazan is next in line, please.

Vladimir Putin: We have talked with the Americans, and we will talk with the Tatars.

Alexei Khalilullov: Good day, Mr President!

Thank you very much for the opportunity to ask a question. Artur Khalilullov, "Tatar-inform".

After the Kazan summit, BRICS reached a fundamentally different level, This is obvious. In fact, I can't even remember being in Moscow dozens of leaders of countries gathered, led by Xi Jinping and Narendra Modi and others.

What are your expectations in terms of countering the Western world order? This is the first question.

And one more small question, clarifying. You told me last year personally, answering my question that Tatarstan is an example of peaceful coexistence of different cultures, nations and faiths. In part, the same can be done and about BRICS, because BRICS combines completely different countries. And hence a small question: are you considering the possibility of creating a of the BRICS headquarters? Perhaps the Russian part or the organization as a whole.

Thank you very much.

Vladimir Putin: Artur, You said that such a number of leaders from different countries did not gather in Moscow. You are right, it was not going to, but it was going to be in Kazan. So thanks to Kazan for that you have given us such an opportunity. This is the first thing.

Secondly, we do not seem to be creating a headquarters. There are some Tools that are created and work for the benefit of the entire organization. But we, Of course, we will use all the opportunities of the capital of Tatarstan that we had created there over the previous decades.

Kazan has made an amazing breakthrough in its development. This, without of any exaggeration, I think it is one of the best cities in Europe. You know, I say this with pleasure. We are proud of Moscow, it is one of the largest and best megacities of the world, but Kazan is also developing quickly and actively.

I remember coming with Mintimer Sharipovich and watching. I've already talked about it, we went with him on the outskirts of Kazan to a dugout, natural A dugout, people lived in a dugout. A dug pit, a roof on top. But he must Pay tribute to the Tatars and their culture: clean, everything is tidy, delicious chak-chak on the table, and so on.

But now there is nothing like this, now Kazan is developing. It's a wonderful city, and the metro has appeared. Mintimer Sharipovich and I then talked about the need for it, and did it, and the new head Rustam did it Nurgalievich picked up this baton, he works very effectively.

And in general, in Kazan, in Tatarstan, talented people live, and people of different nationalities live there in peace and harmony, respect each other, Traditions respect each other, they visit each other, I know, on religious holidays. You're doing very well, very well. Can Only congratulations.

There is one more point that I would like to draw your attention to.

You said that BRICS is developing as an instrument of counteraction West. This is not true, you are mistaken. BRICS is not a tool opposition to the West. We don't work against anyone, we work for their own interests, for the interests of the member countries of this organization. We are not building any confrontational agenda within BRICS.

The organization is developing rapidly, this organization has expanded, and, as you know, we have talked about this a lot, I will not repeat myself so as not to waste time, many countries are showing interest in the development of BRICS.

Why? Because this work is built exclusively on the basis of reciprocity, respect for each other, respect for each other's interests. All Issues are adopted by consensus, and this is very important. There are no small, big states, more developed, less developed. There is an association of interests there. There is only one interest – development. They are looking for those tools that are available and that can be and create new ones to ensure the growth rate of the economy and change its structure so that it meets future development humanity, so that the BRICS countries and the entire association become the leader of this moving forward. This is how we will work.

Thank you very much.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's do it Another hall, another question.

I see a non-traditional media, new, but popular. Readovka, You are welcome.

Vladimir Putin: What?

Maxim Dolgov: Good afternoon, Vladimir Vladimirovich!

Maxim Dolgov, Readovka.

I have the following question. For many countries of the world, the problem is now aging and population decline is very relevant, and Russia has not escaped either. Interestingly, a lot of measures have been taken to increase the birth rate, and you have also recently signed a law on the creation of the Council of Demographic and Family Policy. You see, if these laws are not enough, what will we do do?

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: We will improve them.

Sit down, please.

But the question is extremely important. In general, this issue is one of the key issues for Russia, but not only for Russia, as you rightly said. This is a question of demography, it is very important not only for us, but for a very many countries of the world.

In the Soviet Union, the level was about two percent Fertility. What is the birth rate? This is the number of children per one Woman. In the Soviet Union, there was a time when there was a 2 percent growth. With us At a certain point, a few years ago, we reached about 1.7 percent. Unfortunately, it has fallen to 1.41 percent. That's a lot Or is it not enough? Of course, very little. But others are in our position countries located in approximately the same region. This is, for example, Finland – there even less, in my opinion; in Norway – the same number; in Spain – less; in others in many countries – less. In some developed countries, for example, in Japan, it is still less; in South Korea, it is 0.7 percent. Awfully. We're even better, But in order to ensure simple reproduction, we need to raise this fertility rate to at least 2.1, and to have an expanded reproduction, in order for the population to grow, needs at least 2.3 percent.

I have already spoken many times about what happened in our previous Decades. There was a sharp decline in the birth rate during the Great Patriotic War, 1943-1944, then, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the same result, the same result as after the war – a sharp drop in the birth rate.

What happens next? Still, I'll spend two minutes on it. When A small generation reaches childbearing age, it reproduces a small number of offspring. These two trends in the decline in the birth rate in our country then they became close – both during the Great Patriotic War and during the time after collapse of the Soviet Union, as a sinusoidal and continues. The number of women of childbearing age has decreased by 30 percent – girls are needed, girls.

What are we doing to improve the situation? A whole program. We are constantly working on this, these tools are being improved. I repeat: it works differently in different years.

Firstly, a single allowance for families with children is effective. We pay this benefit from the woman's pregnancy until the child reaches the 18 years, that is, 17 years including. Such an allowance is received from more than 10 million children and approximately 320 thousand pregnant women. This is First.

Our second unique invention, there is no such thing anywhere in the world – maternity capital, which we are constantly replenishing.

Further, we keep the family mortgage at six percent. Probably, we will also talk about all sorts of mortgage cases, we will talk about construction, but family mortgages remain.

We pay 450 thousand to families where the third child appears, to repay this very mortgage.

We are developing the entire system related to medicine, childhood, motherhood, and we will continue to do all this, we will fine-tune this tool next. These are very important things.

I will take advantage of our meeting today, my conversation and I want to appeal to all the heads of all constituent entities of the Russian Federation: from this the working day should begin and end there, because this is a challenge for many countries of the world, including Russia. Population is what constitutes a country. One territory is good, but it must be inhabited citizens of this country.

Probably, we are doing a lot, but, quite obviously, not enough. We will be able to say that yes, we are doing something useful when we change this one trend that has developed, and we will achieve the indicators that I have already talked about quoth.

Anna Suvorova: By the way, Many messages come on this topic, including from large families. We have another selection.

The problem is as follows. You have already mentioned the single allowance, but when the average income per person in a family exceeds the regional subsistence minimum, in this case, this single allowance is not paid for the child, and often It's a confusion of inaccuracies, and there could literally be a few pennies or rubles, and people do not receive payments.

And now we are in touch - let's call a mother of many children, she has five children, Anna Alikovna Shenkao from Surgut.

Anna Alikovna, good afternoon! Ask your question to the President.

Anna Shenkao: Good afternoon. Vladimir Vladimirovich!

My name is Shenkao Anna Alikovna, I was born and live in the city Surgut, Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug, I am a mother of five children. One The child has the status of a disabled person.

I would like to know: since July 2023, I have been applying for benefits every month - I have been refused. The reason for the refusal is exceeding the subsistence minimum. There was even a time when I exceeded the subsistence minimum by 78 rubles, and I was Denied.

I would like to know the following points. Disability pension for a child. Is this income? Why is income for the previous year counted? And here is the moment: the spouse receives an official salary, and when he takes it into account full income, they calculate the tax, which is then calculated from him. In fact, we do not receive this money. I would like to know such moments.

And, if I may, one more question about vacation.

That's how in such a situation we, large families, and not only Do large families go on vacation in principle? I still wanted to rest, but literally the day before yesterday or yesterday we looked at it, just analyzed the tickets: 140-150 thousand on average by plane only one way.

I would like to hear the answer to the question.

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Anna Alikovna, do you have five children?

Anna Shenkao: Yes.

Vladimir Putin: And I will thank you Congratulations on this. You are already a happy person.

Anna Shenkao: Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: These are That's right. I want many of our viewers and listeners to join this assessment, and take an example from you and your family, first of all.

Secondly, when income is calculated, all income is taken into account, and how As a rule, everything is calculated for the previous year. I gave an example of calculations economic growth – anyway, the adjustment is only going on next year. Therefore The previous year is taken.

Of course, you can think about it. I will ask Tatyana Alekseevna Golikov, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection should think about it. But this is not the most important thing – The most important thing is that for other reasons, the problem you mentioned may arise, namely: a slight excess of income from that parameter, In which money is still paid as part of a single benefit. It's clean formal approach.

We thought for a long time about how to avoid the situation with which your family and you. In principle, the decision has been made. It is as follows: we must, taking into account these situations, recalculate the income tax individuals, personal income tax, and then return at least seven percent of the tax paid by your family.

We'll see how it works. I hope that it will be compensate for your losses associated with the shortfall in the receipt of certain money within the framework of the the allowance you mentioned. We'll see how it turns out.

The government proceeded from the fact that this will return your money, not received within the framework of the received benefit. This decision was made not so long ago. I repeat: I hope that this problem will be resolved. This is the first thing.

Secondly, regarding rest and relocation. You're right, there is such a thing problem. I have already talked about this with the relevant leaders.

By the way, our air transportation industry is very stable, successfully. Last year, I think, they carried 105 million passengers. This year there will be 111 million passengers. What is happening there?

There is a decision, the code states that large families, families with children, should be provided with a 50 percent discount, I think, of the tariff. This is from the standard tariff.

What do aviation companies do? They introduce their own benefits - Small, insignificant, but these are no longer standard tariffs. Then they say: this is a preferential rate, we already have a non-standard tariff, so a discount We will not provide 50 percent.

This practice must stop. I am with you completely I agree and ask the Government, together with aviation companies, to regulate no later than January 14 of the following year. We will solve this Problem.

As for the excess income, the return of seven percent of personal income tax is also Let's see how it works.

Anna Shenkao: Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: To you Thank you very much.

Dmitry Peskov: Vladimir Vladimirovich, I saw it there, they want to ask you about demographics.

Vladimir Putin: Go ahead, please.

Dmitry Peskov: "Chechnya is important" written. Also about demographics.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, please. Where are you?

Rustra Veselaeva: Vainakh State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company, Chechen Republic.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, you very often talk about the importance of demographic growth, with the Chechen Republic was held up as an example.

Vladimir Putin: Yes.

Ramella Veselaeva: Maybe, Is it still worth running a separate program?

Vladimir Putin: The Chechen I put the Republic and Tuva. In Chechnya and Tuva, everything is fine with demography.

Ramella Veselaeva: Maybe, It is still worth introducing a separate program for the regions that are the most Do they cope with this task effectively?

And the second question, with your permission. Last year, you approved the strategy high-speed railway, three stages, and one of them is the third stage: Moscow – Adler direction.

According to most experts, if you include Grozny in the Moscow-Adler highway and Makhachkala, then this direction would be more quickly recouped and effective. What do you say about this, do you see the expediency?

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Thank you for this question.

You said that everything was fine with demography in Chechnya.

Have a seat Please be seated.

All in order with demography, and so it is, both in Chechnya and in Tuva. We have two subjects Federation, where everything is fine.

And in this regard, the question is: do we need to do anything else? Just to say Thank you, and support, and take an example from everyone else.

But as for the regions where the birth rate is less than the coefficient The birth rate is 1.41, so it is absolutely necessary to create a separate program and support them.

We are This is what we will do with regard to these regions. In my opinion, God grant them, About 35 regions. A separate support program is being created for them in the amount of

financing 75 billion rubles for the next few years. So we will do.

A what concerns Moscow - Adler - Grozny - Makhachkala. You know, we have a few questions in this regard. What are they: we need to ensure travel along the coast of the Black Sea, it is necessary to ensure the entrance to Sochi and it is necessary to eliminate the traffic jams that accumulate on the approach to Adler, especially during the tourist season. There are traffic jams, People stand for hours.

This is arose because when we were preparing for the Olympics, we made a tour of Sochi, and then It turned out to be a narrow neck. In fact, it is an old road, it is a little bit repaired, but still two streams merge - both the old stream and the stream bypasses of Greater Sochi merge on the approach to Adler. This is what needs to be embroidered first. We need to expand this so that people do not stand in traffic jams there. By the way saying, either there, or there, or at the entrance, or on the way to Adler, I don't know I don't remember the details, they said, Chechen builders, Chechen builders construction companies.

A what concerns Grozny - Makhachkala. That's also right, you also need to think about it, but the next stage, and the idea itself is good.

Come on so as not to offend anyone, "Chechnya. Masters". You wanted the same thing to say or what?

Kh. Batukayev: Khamzat Batukayev, Chechen State Television and Radio Company "Grozny".

Our The question has already been asked, you have answered it, thank you very much. But in the course of communication with my Tatar colleague, you gave an assessment of the city of Kazan.

I by the way, I was also at the BRICS summit. And I remembered that not so long ago you were and in the Chechen Republic. I asked you from the spot: "Is Grozny a beautiful city?"

Vladimir Putin: Great. You know, it's a miracle, it's A modern Russian miracle.

I flew over Grozny in the harsh years, when the fight against terrorism was going on there, including including, first of all, international. Complete ruins, and from these ruins machine-gun bursts were heard at the helicopter.

Then many in Chechnya raised the question of moving the capital to Gudermes. But both the first President of the Republic and the current President said: "No, Grozny is traditionally the historical capital of all Chechnya, of the Chechen people, we will to restore."

That what has been done in Grozny over the past two years is a miracle. This, of course, the result of the work of the current President, and mainly – The result of the work of the Chechen people. His diligence, his talent played a role in this a huge role. I'm not talking about the mosque, which is a pleasure to look at, but what new structures, buildings, architectural solutions. This cannot but cause a sense of pride in what has been done in Chechnya and in Grozny in recent years.

I congratulate you on this.

Kh. Batukayev: Mr President, I am I remember your words when you were in the mosque and talked with the Mufti of Chechnya Republic. You said an important idea that in your moral, moral Islam and Orthodoxy, and in general all traditional religions have one a common root, a common beginning.

If I may, I will ask you about the Russian University of Special Forces, you He was visited. Recently, it has been named after you – in honor of the Supreme Commander. Do you see this experience – expansion, wishes, evaluation, – What is your impression of this complex?

Vladimir Putin: Excellent. Generally Need. The National Guard actively uses it, and people there are trained not only from Chechnya, but from all over the Russian Federation.

I when I talk to some of the fighters who are now in the war zone they are fighting, and it seems that they are not from Chechnya. In other departments, I asked: "Where are you? From where?" This center plays an important role in increasing the defense capability of the entire country.

Thank you.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's do more We'll give you a couple from the audience. I see our Chinese friends, Xinhua, this one The sector is right in front of me.

Huang He: Vladimir Vladimirovich, hello. My name is Huang He, I represent the Chinese Xinhua News Agency. I am very happy to ask you a question today. I have only two questions for you.

First. How do you assess the current state of development of Chinese-Russian relations? Please tell us what are the main results of cooperation between our Countries?

Second question. Next year, China and Russia will jointly celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in World War II, as well as the 80th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations Nations. In your opinion, what role does interaction and coordination between China and Russia in maintaining global strategic stability, and international justice?

Thank you A lot for you.

Vladimir Putin: We very often we are talking about cooperation between Russia and the People's Republic of China. In the next We celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our Countries. Over the years, a lot has happened in our relations, but in the last decade, the level and quality of relations have become such that throughout our history, perhaps, has never existed.

I Now I will talk about the economic component, but first of all, it is related to mutual trust. Everything we do to each other and how we do it is based on on complete trust in politics on both sides. We don't do anything, which would be contrary to our interests, and we are doing a lot of things that meet the interests of both the Chinese people and the peoples of the Russian Federation.

I I have already spoken about the economy: according to various estimates, it is 220-230, according to the Chinese statistics, up to 240 billion dollars, if we talk in dollar terms, Turnover is a very good turnover. Over the past year, despite such a good, Growth

continues, it is moderate, I think, 3 percent growth There will be, but there is also growth. The first part.

The second is investment activity. We have almost 600 projects for joint investments in the amount of \$200 billion. What does this mean? This suggests that the future is assured.

Finally A very important component, in my opinion, is the humanitarian part. We are we constantly hold reciprocal years: the Year of Culture, the Year of Youth Exchanges, and both. All this is very important for specific people. This is the basis for development of economic ties and political interaction.

Critical Regional cooperation is a part. Regional leaders communicate with each other: there is both Maotai and vodka, of course. But everything is in moderation, as far as I understand. And this personal chemistry matters, and between student exchanges take place between higher education institutions and so on.

For now The Great Patriotic War.

Russian The Federation and the People's Republic of China are the most affected countries, who achieved their victory during the Second World War as a result of heavy losses. Sometimes we said 20, then 25, now some historians say, 27 million dead. In China, it is even more. Not much is said about this at all, but in China there are more, there are over 30 million.

And what the Japanese militarists did on Chinese soil is terrible, just A terrible ordeal. The Chinese people went through these trials. We were together Then, and now, we are together, and this is the most important factor, I talk about it all the time, stability in world affairs.

Such was originally an instrument of stability, it was created for this purpose, such a an instrument like the United Nations: Russia, China, the founders Organizations, members of the Security Council, permanent members of the Security Council.

We are very often, almost always, we coordinate our actions at the international arena, and this is a very serious element of international life. We continue to We will do this. And the best greetings to the leader of the People's Republic of China, to the man I consider my friend, President Xi Jinping.

Dmitry Peskov: Friends, I As before, I urge you to ask one question very briefly. I see the Kuban, Please pass the microphone.

Maria Smirnova: Good afternoon. Krasnodar Territory, Kavkazsky District, newspaper "Ogni Kubani", Smirnova Marina.

I have a question of this nature.

The fact is that now there is a lot of talk about migration problem, ways to solve it are considered. The Krasnodar region is large, friendly, Multinational, strong, but nevertheless the problem of migrants exists. We have introduced strict restrictions: patents can only be used to work in the construction industry. What is your attitude to such restrictions? There are not enough workers in the regions. How does Russia get out of this state? Your Vision trouble.

Vladimir Putin: This is a very sensitive and acute question. It is acute not only for us, but also for Europe more acute. Here, indeed, on the one hand, there is a shortage of workers. I I have already said that we have 2.3 percent unemployment. This means that it is almost non-existent. Representatives of our business circles and ministries and departments say how much is lacking in the construction sector, how much is lacking in industry. There is an account goes to hundreds of thousands. This is a fact, there is no escaping it.

What is the way out? First. To reduce the number of labor migrants, it is necessary to increase labor productivity, it is necessary to introduce and use such technologies that do not require a large number of unskilled workers, and thus focus the final result in high-tech areas of activity, and there will be no need attract an appropriate number of migrants for unskilled labor. First.

Second. If this is unavoidable, then together with our partners in some countries, First of all, of course, we are talking about the countries of Central Asia, to work on to prepare

people for this. That is, to develop a network of Russian schools there, the study of of the Russian language, to acquaint people who are going to come to work with us, with traditions, with culture, with the requirements of Russian law and, of course, to tighten the requirements for those that are on our territory – requirements that they respect the people in whose environment they appear and live. And this, of course, is a matter for law enforcement agencies. That is, there are two components: economic and law enforcement, and these two components should be combined in one place.

Very much There were many discussions about whether we should create a separate department (we have it once was) or leave it within the framework of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

I believe that today it is necessary to strengthen this component, this work, within the framework of Ministry of Internal Affairs. There you need to create a separate powerful unit, separate center: either within the Ministry of Internal Affairs, or under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, where it is necessary delegate representatives from economic departments so that everything is resolved In one complex, but in close work with other ministries, departments, and with the regions, of course.

Big the scope of regulation – it exists and should remain at the regional level, and all this should be managed from one center, and then, to the extent of it, conditionally Speaking of growing up, as you get the necessary competencies, maybe in the future to create a separate department. But in such a way that there is both a law enforcement and an economic component.

Individual steps in this direction have already been taken, the State Duma has adopted a law to the effect that There is a right not to admit children of migrants who do not speak Russian to schools Language. In general, this is understandable. How can a child be taught at school if he does not speak the language? It is separately necessary to study Russian with him. Who is for it will pay?

Have to so that people who come are not infringed, so that guarantees are provided, Corresponding rights in the field of health care, in the field of social but in such a way that it does not place an additional burden on the local The population and people did not feel uncomfortable.

A lot Questions. And, of course, the Government should pay more attention to this. And how To develop it? I just said: first within the framework of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and then, maybe, If the situation develops that this needs to be done, we should create a separate department where representatives of law enforcement agencies would work bodies, and economic departments.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, we specifically monitored questions on the topic of migration. This topic is really very sharp and complex.

A significant part of these questions came from those who come and do not always come to work. These are often our people who know Russian language who want to return to their homeland, obtain a Russian passport, become a full-fledged citizen of the Russian Federation. Such appeals were from different countries: from the CIS countries, from Ukraine, as you said today, there are also many of our People.

Such questions were also received from Germany. For example, we were contacted by Lev Ivanovich Zeibel, our compatriot, who left for Germany in 1990 and returned in 2006, now lives in the city of Tarusa, says that having a residence permit, he has not been able to obtain citizenship for many years. The answer is always the same: you are not allowed, there is no such law. Quote: only Putin can give you citizenship.

And here is a small detail. After he told the officials that he wrote a letter to Putin, the conversation changed, they said what documents bring. And things seem to have gone well, but I would like to bring it to its logical point End.

Vladimir Putin: Listen, citizenship is actually granted by presidential decrees. But this is pure A formal act that should be prepared locally is being prepared relevant departments, commissions, and so on.

You have just raised issues called "work with compatriots," that is, this is with those people who feel part of Russia. They own Russian language, they consider themselves part of our culture, part of the Russian world, As a rule, they are highly qualified specialists. And we are interested in attracting highly qualified specialists to Russia so that they They worked and lived here. We seem to have a whole program even created for

this. Well, apparently, not everything is still working effectively. Of course, we need to improve these mechanisms.

You mentioned the Ukrainians. It seems to me that Ukrainians are already in Russia lives, if not as much as in Ukraine, and maybe even more. I am not joking, it may well be, I mean those people who live in the new territories, in Crimea and those who have moved to us – these are millions People. In general, we have about the same number of Ukrainians as there are Ukrainians in Ukraine now Lives. By the way, we welcome, please. These people are our culture, they are part of our people, in fact.

These mechanisms, as I said, are certainly necessary perfect. We are interested in people coming to the country highly qualified workers. Including, by the way, those that simply are – not "simply", it is not a simple thing, but nevertheless – are bearers of our traditional values. It is difficult to determine. In order to We need to work on it effectively. We will, of course, continue to do.

And specifically according to your example - then give me data on this Person. We will definitely help him.

Dmitry Kulko: Thank you.

Anna Suvorova: In the most At the beginning of the program, we told them that we also have artificial intelligence with us. GigaChat helped us choose Popular topics by searches.

Among the top requests, of course, are housing and mortgage issues. You At the very beginning of the program, they also said that we would be there more than once apply. If we look at our monitors now, we can see that on the first is located. However, the number of appeals is also significant.

Let's now bring out a video question from a young family from Krasnodar.

Question: Dear Mr President, for three months we have not been able to take a family Mortgage. Banks are constantly running out of limits, then they are increasing down payment from 20 to 50 percent.

Tell me, please, how things will be in general with a family mortgage, because now it is very difficult to get it. Also, in addition to family mortgage is almost impossible to get both rural and IT. That is banks are constantly running out of limits, plus they do not want to approve it. programs constantly, every day, when served.

Banks have recently introduced the so-called "Combo Mortgage" program. when they add up their interest, and the interest rate rises from six percent to 13 percent. That is, they simply do not want to issue a mortgage under a family bank.

Vladimir Putin: Thank you for this question and for drawing attention to it attention. This is a disgrace, firstly, because there should be no limits, and we have already discussed this issue with the Government. I was promised, and I did it I will check the promise to what extent it is fulfilled, that there will be no limits.

Because in the end, all this is due to subsidies from the state. For banks, this should only be a pleasure – receive six percent from those who use a family mortgage loan, and the difference between the bank rate and these six percent must be reimbursed state. And there should be no limits on the part of the state.

This difference settles in banks, by the way, for them it is income, And not a small one. Therefore, if they refuse, it means that the Government He does not send this subsidy to the bank on time, probably. I'll check, I promise You, I will definitely check. But we have agreed that there will be no limits. This is the first thing.

Secondly, this applies to a family mortgage at three percent and rural mortgages. Family mortgages are at six percent, rural mortgages are at three percent Percent. This is a very important tool in housing construction. Why? Therefore of the total volume of housing built, and this was last year 110 million square meters is a record since the Soviet Union, nothing like this has ever happened before – 50 percent of private housing construction was built, mainly in rural areas. Moreover, such a mortgage is taken by people up to 40 years old or a little older, move to the countryside, live, take out a mortgage, and build families. This mortgage should also not have any limits. This is several dozen billion for the budget is absolutely uncritical, it must be preserved.

The same applies to IT mortgages. How many Do we have it? Six percent or five. In any case, this is a preferential mortgage, there are not so many people. Just recently we discussed it, someone proposed it to cover – a great meaning from the point of view of There are no budget savings.

Family Definitely remains, agricultural definitely remains. I ask the Government to ensure the volume of necessary subsidies. We will put things in order here.

Anna Suvorova: The Far East and the new regions are the same.

Vladimir Putin: Far Eastern Two percent remains, the Arctic – two percent, new regions – two percent.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, now I propose to move on to the problem, which, unfortunately, The topic of telephone scammers remains acute from year to year.

We are We warn people on television every day.

Vladimir Putin: Excuse me, by the way Speaking of which, 110 million square meters were built last year. This year, a little less will be built - about 105 million, but this is Also a very good indicator.

Dmitry Kulko: Telephone scammers. How relevant is this problem? You can understand at least from the figure: 250 billion rubles - this is how much scammers stole from Russians this year. These are Sberbank's calculations.

Attackers call and say all sorts of things: they introduce themselves as the Central Bank, The FSB says that deposits will be frozen in all banks, they demand to transfer money to other accounts, even take loans. Elena found herself in a similar situation Ilyinichna Markelova from Kazan. I suggest watching her video question now.

Yelena Markelova: Good afternoon, Mr President.

My name is Markelova Elena Ilyinichna, I am from the city of Kazan, 63 years old, pensioner.

Recently, I became a victim of scammers. My personal account was hacked in Gosuslugi, and as a result of their actions, I owe two banks one one million 900 thousand rubles.

My appeal is a cry from the heart. What about banks, whose clients are I come and receive a pension of 18,770 rubles, the following are approved loans, while not asking for any documents about my income, without requesting No contacts of acquaintances who could vouch for me, and so great amount in a monthly payment that exceeds my monthly income?

Due to the fact that now there is a large number of people deceived by scammers pensioners, isn't it time to take more serious measures and oblige banks to more carefully control the actions of its employees and just as carefully check applications, especially from the elderly?

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, you are right. What is your name?

Dmitry Kulko: Markelova Elena Ilyinichna.

President of Russia Vladimir Putin: Yelena Yelenichna, you Absolutely right.

There are few comments here. Indeed, banks have learned from us quickly issue loans, they issue them just instantly, as they say, but they are obliged to check solvency. There is even a certain rule, according to which, if more than 50 percent of a citizen's income goes to servicing a loan, then in this case the issuance of such loans becomes for the can be more expensive, and the load capital for the bank to increase. There is a rule of the Central Bank. But what is happening now, of course, is very alarming, because The volume of this fraud is off the charts.

Most recently, at a Sber event, I heard German Oskarovich Gref Reported. He told me that throughout the banking system we have citizens only from the territory of Ukraine, where

fraudulent activities have been elevated to the rank of state policy, where they work under the control of special services specialists, centers are whole to swindle money from Russian citizens, only from this Destinations lured more than 250 billion rubles.

This, of course, is becoming very serious. This is about what what did Hitlerite Germany do by printing the money of our allies during the World War II, including Great Britain: the pound sterling was printed and distributed in order to undermine the British economy.

Approximately the same thing is now happening in Ukraine along the lines of this Scam. Of course, we need to discipline this situation, we need to address it serious attention to this.

Let them issue loans, say, up to 50 thousand rubles, that Called, online, immediately. And from 50 to 200 thousand Of course, people should be given at least a few hours to check something additionally and make a final decision. And 200 thousand or more - this definitely needs to be stretched out for at least a few days.

I know that these issues are being discussed both in the State Duma and in the Central Bank, where they will improve these decisions related to the burden on capital in relation to those banks that provide such unsecured loans. I hope that all this will lead to the desired result.

There is one more problem here, which the Chairman The Central Bank, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Cards are opened for people who It seems that they do not take a fraudulent part in this scheme, but then, when citizens Money is lured, it is first transferred to the so-called intermediary cards, And then scammers rip off the money of their victims from there.

And those who open these cards seem to have nothing to do with it, they are in it do not take part. But there is a proposal to strengthen not only control, but also the responsibility of these people, who are in fact accomplices of these crimes are involved in these fraudulent schemes. Formally, it seems do nothing, but they understand why the card is opened in their name.

There is a proposal and criminal liability for such activities define. I am not saying now that this is a decision, but in this direction, Of course, you need to think.

Anna Suvorova: Yes, there are you have acquaintances who, perhaps, have also suffered from telephone Scam?

Vladimir Putin: I have no acquaintances, but there are, however, people, these are definitely my acquaintances, who are They reported that they were called, they were called.

Anna Suvorova: And, Apparently, they will call, apparently.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, it can will call, but as soon as they hear an unfamiliar voice and some suggestions that are ultimately related to some action, they immediately hang up.

I highly recommend all citizens of the country to do exactly the same Way.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, often such unfamiliar voices call from call centers, which are located on the territory of Ukraine. It was noticed that after the strikes on the Ukrainian The number of calls from telephone fraudsters is decreasing. Probably, in these call centers, the light simply disappears.

Vladimir Putin: Electricity Lack.

Dmitry Kulko: Maybe we are Can call centers be included in the list of priority targets?

Vladimir Putin: No. In the list priority targets are military facilities and military-industrial facilities Complex. There may be decision-making centers, but we We will not spend it - there is no need. It is necessary to make appropriate decisions internally Russia in the relevant instances: the Central Bank and the Government of the Russian Federation, in the internal affairs bodies.

Anna Suvorova: Dima, Mr Suvorova is not looking at you and me kindly.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's go back to the hall for a moment.

Mentioned Ukraine. I see the inscription "The Other Ukraine".

Galina Merkulova: Mr President,

I am Merkulova Halyna, deputy head of media resources of the international public movement "Other Ukraine", representing the interests of millions of citizens Ukraine as in Ukraine, unfortunately, still controlled by the Kiev regime, and in Russia, European countries, the world, where 55 of our organizations are open.

Public The "Other Ukraine" movement considers the only way to save Ukrainians from the criminal illegitimate regime of Zelensky, which usurped executive, legislative and judicial powers, the reunification of the Ukrainian and Russian peoples.

And here is our question: under what Are you ready to start negotiations with Kiev? If not with Zelensky, then with whom?

And one more important aspect. In Ukraine now there are not just attacks on the Russian Orthodox Church, but it practically expelled. How do you feel about this fact and don't you think that Are the positions of the Russian Orthodox Church undermined?

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Yes. First of all, regarding the illegitimacy of the regime, I have already spoken about this. I'm so I understand that the leader, the ideological inspirer of this movement, organization... This is an organization "The Other Ukraine"?

Galina Merkulova: Movement.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, this is apparently Victor Medvedchuk?

We hardly see each other, but I know that he thinks so too. The illegitimacy of the regime is in what is? I repeat once again, the Constitution of Ukraine does not indicate the possibility of extension of the powers of the President even under martial law. There are only one body of power, this is a representative body of power – the Council, that is, the Rada – whose powers can be extended without elections under martial law. This, I repeat, is the Rada.

What is the problem for Ukraine? I understand that you are aware of this, that the state structure in Ukraine such is that a number of government bodies are formed by the president. These are the heads of regions, and the leadership of all law enforcement agencies, and so on further. But if the first person himself is illegitimate, then everything else also loses its legitimacy through the executive authorities and law enforcement agencies. And that's it, what they do, carrying out his orders, they know that they are accomplices in this illegal activities. This is the first thing.

Now the terms of the beginning Negotiations. We have no preconditions. We are ready to conduct a dialogue without Prerequisites. But on the basis of what we agreed on, I have already I said this during the negotiation process in Istanbul at the end of 2022 and based on the realities that are developing on the ground today.

Our theses were set out the Russian Federation, including in my June speech to the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. That's all there Said. There is no point in repeating myself.

If not with the head of the regime, then with whom? If he himself is illegitimate. You know, if someone goes to the polls, they will receive legitimacy, we will talk to any person, including Zelensky.

Now, if Ukraine really wants to follow the path of a peaceful settlement, of course, they are able to do this. They can organize this process inside Ukraine, as Want. We can just sign only with those who are legitimate, and the Rada and the chairman of the Rada are legitimate. He is completely under the head of the regime Is. This is a purely formal legal issue.

Inside they can organize, As they want. But if we ever get to the point of signing the document, we will We can only with representatives of legitimate authorities, that's all.

Anna Suvorova: More there was a question about the Russian Orthodox Church.

Vladimir Putin: You you know, what is happening with the Russian Orthodox Church is generally a unique thing. After all, this is the crudest, outrageous violation of human rights,

the rights of believers. The church is being torn to pieces before the eyes of the whole world. It's like a firing squad. And everyone around the world prefers not to notice this.

I think that to those who are He does, it will still backfire. You said they tear apart. Yes, this is what happens. Do you understand what the matter is? These people are not even atheists. Atheists are also people who believe in something. They believe that there is no God, but this is their faith, their beliefs.

And these are not atheists. These are people without any faith at all, atheists. They are ethnic Jews, but who saw them in the synagogue? In my opinion, no one saw them in the synagogue. They seem to be not Orthodox, because they don't go to churches either. They are certainly not adherents of Islam, because they are unlikely to appear in the mosque either.

These are people without a family, without a Tribe. Nothing is dear to them, what is dear to us and the overwhelming majority of Ukrainian People. They will run away someday and go not to church, but to the beach. But these are theirs choice.

I think that someday they people in Ukraine, and the overwhelming majority of the inhabitants of Ukraine will remember this They are still related to Orthodoxy, they will give an assessment of them.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's have a couple more We will give questions to the hall. I cannot help but give a question to Radio Purga.

Anna Lavrentyeva: Good afternoon.

Radio "Purga", Chukotka Autonomous Okrug. My name is Anastasia Lavrentieva, thank you very much for this opportunity.

I look at the monitors, where show the relevance of the topics for the regions, and I get confirmation that my The question is really relevant and worries many residents of our region. Question Regarding communications and the Internet.

Mr President, we have in Chukotka, high-speed Internet is available only in the capital of the region, this is A single city. All other residents of the region do not get those delights and the importance that the Internet offers us. Not only is there entertainment, Public services, banking services for business are also inaccessible to most residents Chukotka. Help us somehow solve the issue of eliminating the digital divide, if possible.

Vladimir Putin: Yes. There is a lot to say here It is not worth it, because we have a program for the development of the Internet, high-speed Internet, the development of communications in general, and in this regard, the development of a satellite constellation And so on, especially with regard to the satellite constellation related to the organization of communications.

All this will certainly happen become. I will not say now, they are widely known, they are open data, What is the pace of our work in this area, the corresponding resources highlighted and outlined. There will be no failures here, we will follow this plan.

I very much hope that and residents of remote regions, including Chukotka, will be in the full sense of the word to enjoy all the delights of modern civilization. For a country like ours, this is extremely important, because more and more people are working remotely, Education is received remotely. And here high-speed Internet has a fundamental meaning. Of course, we will do this, there is no doubt about it.

Dmitry Peskov: Alexander Gamov, sitting in the front row, is one of the patriarchs of Russian journalism. You are welcome.

Alexander Gamov: Thank you Huge.

Website, radio and newspaper "Komsomolskaya Pravda". And "Putin's team" - I am sitting with the girls today, Yulia and Marina me accepted into their group.

This was not mentioned today, and I would like to do so first of all to congratulate all of us and you, Mr President: today, according to my estimates, The 20th press conference, although my colleagues tried to correct me, that it was the 21st. There is no such format yet, and God grant that it will last as long as possible, longer and longer.

And my question is this. Contrary to the forecasts of skeptics, the presidential the program "Time of Heroes" did not become a momentary project, so to speak, "For show, it works." What hopes did you personally pinn, did you come true they? [Which] do you lay now?

And also, literally in the last days and hours, I had the following question: Why do we not take enough care of and protect our heroes? I mean not only the death of General Kirillov, which was mentioned here in passing today, but also there were a lot of cases when our participants in the special military operation were offended. Actually Law enforcement agencies stood on guard, justice triumphed, a lot was written about it.

And one more thing about the Time of Heroes program. I can imagine heroic newspaper - "Komsomolskaya Pravda", which in the Great The Patriotic War was a front-line war, and now it is a front-line war: our military correspondents courageously have been working, since 2014 we have been producing KPs in Donbass, in Donetsk.

Next year we will be 100 years old - May 24, 2025. My colleagues asked me to send you an invitation to come to us. Here is Michael Petrov told how the 120th anniversary of TASS was solemnly celebrated, they were awarded Order. We are waiting for you on May 24, at 12 o'clock. Will you come, Mr President?

Vladimir Putin: I will do my best.

Alexei Gamov: Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Thank you very much for the invitation. "Komsomolskaya Pravda" is a part of the life of many generations of our with which people began their day in the morning and begin either during the day turn to "Komsomolskaya Pravda". "Komsomolskaya Pravda" is getting all the way more and more modern media – works in all information environments, is a stable, reliable, objective means of mass media. I would like to congratulate you on the results of this work, and thank you for the invitation.

As for the "Time of Heroes" platform, I have already I said: this idea came to me after a meeting with the guys, mainly students participating in the special military operation, in St. Petersburg, when I looked at them and thought: here they are - the future of the country, the personnel future of the country. This is how the idea arose to create such a platform. I

will not hide when I arrived in Moscow, set it out, then he asked his colleagues in the Administration to implement this idea. They have already come up with the name of this platform - "Time of Heroes". In my opinion, This is a very good name.

The first stream received 43 thousand applications. Naturally, the selection Very serious: we selected only 83 people out of these 43 thousand. And it is clear why: we need people who have experience in administrative work, have an education, are suitable in terms of parameters for future activities in charge of large companies or municipalities, entire regions, ministries and departments, and so on.

I said at the United Russia congress and I want to repeat it now: of course, everyone is worthy - all our guys who fight for the Motherland, without regret their lives and health, they are all worthy. But there is a question of compliance with that the area of activity where they would like to see themselves. I repeat: you need education and experience.

And in general, it is still one thing to fight for the Motherland, and another thing to work with people. You need to have a certain talent and inclination for this, Understand? These are different types of activity. We need from this environment select the right people who are willing and able to work in these fields. There is not a single mistake yet: they are just wonderful guys.

Now the selection for the second [stream] is already underway. 15 plus thousand applications were received. The training camp will be extended for next year, I think, until mid-January or February. In any case, the work is going on actively.

And the work on the first set continues, but many have already been done proposals, many are already working, and even some of them are heads of the regions have been appointed, which I am very happy about. And they get into business, and get into the authorities authorities and management at all levels: regional, local, and federal, And they get into large companies.

I would like to repeat what I said at the congress of the United Russia". I was recently in a rehabilitation center and saw that there were guys there with severe injuries: both without a leg and without an arm. But you know what I want say? Their eyes are shining. They want, they are ready to work and work actively, and they can do it. Modern means of

rehabilitation, namely modern, allow you to do everything almost without any exceptions and discounts on restrictions on health. We just need to help them.

One, I'll repeat it again, I remembered his face, said: I understand that education and experience are needed here, but I have no education proper, no experience, but I want to. That's the kind of people we need. Those who are ready and willing to work. They only need to be helped, found and helped.

You know, when I came to the judo section, now it comes to my mind it came," our coach, Anatoly Solomonovich Rakhlin, once said: Pull yourself up as much as you can. And I didn't take some, who pulled up more, Later, a few years later, we asked: Anatoly Solomonovich, why is it so - you did not take those guys, but we [took], we are smaller pulled up. You know what he answered, he was a wise man: but because you They did it to the last - my hands trembled, my chin stretched, right with might and main. Tried; And who is bigger than you, they pulled themselves up calmly, or they could have done more, they didn't fight, they didn't give themselves.

But these guys give themselves completely, they want, and we need to help them, We need to support them.

Alexander Gamov: More about the protection of heroes.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, it is This is a very important question. I understand that you are right.

What can I say? Firstly, these attempts are not the first, they are known, The enemy's aspirations are clear to us. Unfortunately, this attempt is not an isolated one and not only on military personnel. I have already told your American colleague: both on journalists, on public figures of assassination attempts - it is enough to recall only the murder of Dugina.

What's it? These are signs of a terrorist nature regime in Kiev. But this, of course, means that our respective Law enforcement and special services miss these strikes, they missed these blows. What can I say here? We need to improve this work and prevent such severe blunders for us. That's all.

Alexei Gamov: Thank you.

Dmitry Peskov: You know, I saw a very popular young blogger. So he got up.

V.Bumaga: Vladimir Vladimirovich, hello!

My name is Vlad Bumaga, I am a well-known video blogger. My social networks have more than 80 million subscribers, mostly young people.

As we know, young people now spend a lot on the Internet time, an average of five to eight hours each day, half of that They spend time watching video content. And I in my queue, like many other authors, development, active development of our Russian platforms, for example, the following as VK Video. Yes, these sites Now they are not so large, but they show good, steady growth and provide really high-quality service.

In this regard, the question is: why block YouTube if our sites are already Do they do well? They are competitive and offer excellent conditions, an alternative for authors. Moreover, you can post content there and broadcast our ideas and meanings to a wider audience than just to the Russian-speaking one.

There is another important question. As I said before, almost all children in our country know and watch me. I will say more: I myself became a father this year.

Vladimir Putin: Congratulations.

V.Bumaga: Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: And congratulate your wife, this is her merit.

V.Paper: Absolutely.

Oh, and tell me, as a person whose videos he grows up on In fact, an entire generation, what values should I transmit Audience? Or maybe that I definitely shouldn't broadcast to the audience? In your personal opinion, what ideas and meanings should be at the forefront of young people? So Say, give parting words - we will take note and work.

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: First, regarding the slowdown on YouTube. Here, perhaps, there are more questions on the side of YouTube than on our side.

Excuse me, first: is Vlad Bumaga your pseudonym?

V.Bumaga: This is My real name.

Vladimir Putin: I see, excellent. Paper in a well-known game is stronger than a stone, so congratulations - 80 million [subscribers], you said, right? This, of course, is a unique result. This means that that the content you create meets what these people expect 80 million people. This is the result of your creative work, and I congratulate you on this.

As for braking, what is the matter? Google is the owner of YouTube, when he created his own network, he also created the corresponding "daughters" in Russia - legal entities, which He pays, created the appropriate services that need to be maintained. Creating these "daughters", he worked with them, and after the West began to impose various restrictions and sanctions, Google has practically stopped or reduced them funding, reduced the supply of relevant equipment here and, thus, created certain problems for himself. This is the first thing.

Second, YouTube and Google must comply with our laws, must avoid any online scams, namely: must not use network and abuse the network to achieve the political goals of their Governments.

What do I mean? In a search engine, a person starts looking for something, some topic – culture, music, and then instead of culture and music they come out some things that have nothing to do with culture or music, And they are propaganda of some political platform. Or they start practically withdraw from circulation the names of our artists, the same bloggers, politicians, and so on.

All this is a violation of the relevant laws of the Russian Federation Federation. Roskomnadzor accordingly makes claims against them, Regulatory organizations make claims - and they are right. Therefore They have to choose: either they comply with our

laws and, probably, then they can fall under some restrictions in their own country, but then let them work there; or, if they want to work here, let them act in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation.

And what you said is that a holy place, as we say, is never empty, competition is growing: VK, Telegram, and Rutube are all developing. Therefore if Google and YouTube, Understanding this, they will somehow change their work contour, then they will not have any problems.

Now about what to educate on, how to do it, what not to do. You know, I'm sure this advice is useless. People like You, especially now that you have become a father, when you have a child, The sense of responsibility is certainly increasing. This is a responsibility to one's own child, in front of his future and the country where your child will live. And this The sense of responsibility will orient you – you are smart, modern people – it will guide you even better than I will about the fact that is useful for our children in the future, and what is harmful and unacceptable and what you need to fight – not at my command, but at your call Heart.

Dmitry Peskov: Thank you.

I am absolutely undeserved I saw TV-3 not paying attention.

Vladimir Putin: May I interrupt you for a second? Since they talked about children, the girl is sitting – "Deception of families with children". What is the deception?

Anna Suvorova: Apparently, not about the manuals, because they are about them We have already talked.

Vladimir Putin: I don't know, I think I was talking about them.

Yekaterina Usmanova: I will tell you now.

Hello Vladimir Vladimirovich!

My name is Elena Usmanova, the business newspaper of Tatarstan "Business Online", Tatarstan again.

First I want you, indeed, to thank on behalf of Kazan that it had such an honor hold a BRICS summit, but my question, as you understand from the poster, is about something completely different.

In Tatarstan A group of scammers deceived hundreds of families who dreamed of their own home. They took preferential mortgage with state support, but they never built a house.

Tell me Please, will they help the deceived IZ employees, as they once did? deceived equity holders. It turns out that now people continue to pay mortgages In fact, for air, while the state continues to transfer to banks state support is actually for those houses that do not exist. When, after all, Will they help people, not banks?

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Listen to me. It's not about banks at all. We have created an appropriate a system of escrow accounts, where people, if they take out a mortgage, transfer money – to escrow accounts, and this money is frozen until people receive their square meters. Where did they send the money?

Yekaterina Usmanova: No, this is about individual housing construction, that is, at home.

Vladimir Putin: Individual housing construction is the same.

Yekaterina Usmanova: At that time, apparently, It didn't work.

Vladimir Putin: We have full private housing construction Mortgage lending: in rural areas, as I said, it is 3 percent, and in the 110 million square metres that we built last year, 50 percent of individual housing construction. 50 percent is a breakthrough. But the money must be in escrow accounts. Where did people transfer this money and why, if it is not escrow accounts? I don't even understand what you are talking about now.

Yekaterina Usmanova: This is the case we have happened in Tatarstan. Hundreds of families have indeed found themselves in such situations.

Vladimir Putin: Where did they transfer the money? Can you answer me?

Yekaterina Usmanova: I will tell you about these I won't tell you the subtleties. I know they took...

Vladimir Putin: Listen to me, as you Name?

Yelena Usmanova: Yelena.

Vladimir Putin: Lena, but these subtleties matter.

Yekaterina Usmanova: There are escrow accounts there Definitely not.

Vladimir Putin: Listen, what about it? Lenchka, this may have something to do with what is being done with our money when money is lured from them from their accounts.

Let's be sure to deal with this Let's figure it out, because this particular case will need to be projected onto others possible cases of this kind and prevent this fraud.

I don't even understand now what he is talking about You say. Please give us more information. Okay, Lena? This is an extremely important thing.

Because what is the point? The fact is that we still have unfinished housing. But what can I say? That money, which came to escrow accounts, there are almost or even a little more than 7 trillion of them in total Rubles. This is more than 65 percent of what is collected and what is needed to to complete the construction of housing, which was financed by citizens in 2025. I'm almost I can guarantee that this housing will be built. And no one without There will be no apartments left, because the groundwork has been made. There is money in these accounts, they Reserved. If we are talking about some cases without the use of escrow accounts, Please give us this information, we need to look into it.

Thank you.

Dmitry Peskov: Yes, We'll take that information.

We wanted to give the floor to TV-3, Mr President.

Vladimir Putin: Go ahead, Turkey exists.

Dmitry Peskov: Excuse me, Let's go to Turkey.

Vladimir Putin: Now We will definitely come back to you.

A.Jura: Ali Jura, Anadolu Agency.

Mr. President, Israel violates international law, killing tens of thousands of people, including children Palestine and Lebanon. Now Israel is taking advantage of the situation in the region to to occupy Syria, and violates its sovereignty. How would you comment on the actions? Israel? Did you have a conversation with President Erdogan about the region in general? Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: We We are in constant contact with President Erdogan. I don't remember when We spoke with him for the last time, but we, of course, discussed the situation in the region, in the Middle East.

President Erdoğan's attitude and Turkey is well aware of the events taking place in the Middle East. And our position is well known on both Lebanon and Palestine. Our position is not subject to the current conjuncture. We have always believed this and now believe that The Palestinian problem can only be solved by removing the causes of its emergence. Was the UN Security Council decided at one time that there should be two states were formed - Israel and Palestine. Israel Created, Palestine In fact, it has not yet been created. This is the whole problem.

Moreover, from the outside Israel's so-called illegal settlement activities continue. I don't know what Israel's ultimate goals are in the Gaza Strip, but it is worthy only of

condemnation. We have repeatedly done this at almost all levels, starting at the societal level and our position in the Security Council United Nations. There is nothing to add here.

The same applies to Lebanon.

What about Syria? To me it seems that, frankly speaking, Turkey is doing everything to ensure its security on its southern borders in the course of the development of the situation in Syria, to create conditions for the return of refugees from their territory to other territories that are concentrated in the territory of Syria, which are under the Turkey's de facto control, perhaps to move the Kurdish formations away from the border. All this is probably possible and may even be done to some extent, to some extent. But still, the main beneficiary of what is happening events in Syria, the main beneficiary is, in my opinion, Israel.

And you can treat it as you like to what Israel is doing, Russia condemns the seizure of any Syrian territories, this is obvious, our position here is not subject to any adjustment, but Israel He also solves issues related to security for himself. Here is the line on the Golan Heights, the well-known line, Israel has advanced along the front 62-63 kilometers to a depth of 20-25 kilometers. He entered the fortifications, which were created for Syria by the Soviet Union, this is like the Maginot Line. Over there You know, such serious fortifications, for real.

We hope that Israel will leave the territory of Syria, but now it is bringing in additional troops. I think there are already several thousand troops there. And I have the impression that they are not only not going to leave, but are going to strengthen there.

Moreover, the local population has already asked to be included in the Jewish state. This is already Then there will be another problem. If everything that happens leads to disintegration Syria, then these are issues that will have to be resolved by the local population in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the right of nations to self-determination. This is a difficult question, it is not for today's discussion.

In Turkey, of course, we know such a decades-old problem with the Kurdistan Workers' Party. I hope that there will be no aggravation, but some politicians Recently, I was told at

meetings that after the First World War The Kurds were promised wars of their own state, they were deceived and so on.

For example, the Kurds in this region – there are more than tens of millions in Turkey, in Iran, in Iraq – they live compactly, as many as possible Kurds there? You probably know better than me, but at least 30-35 million, right? This is a serious Kurdish problem, and the Kurds are serious guys, serious fighters, I think they left Manbij, but they fought to the last. They do so.

And it is necessary to solve the Kurdish Problem. Within the framework of Syria under President Assad, it was necessary to solve this, now It is necessary to resolve with the authorities who control the territory of Syria, and Turkey also needs to somehow ensure its security. We understand all this. This is not for meeting today, so as not to waste time.

I just want to say that there will be many problems, but we are on the side of international law and for sovereignty of all states, while respecting their territorial integrity, meaning Syria, including the position of the current authorities on these issues, who now control the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

In this sense, we are on their Side. By the way, we are in contact with them, we are in contact with all of them groups, including the main ones that are now controlled in Syria Situation.

Dmitry Peskov: They promised TV-3, especially a military commander.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, I am sorry.

Alexander Malkevich: Alexander Malkevich, "Final Program" on TV-3.

First, briefly: the soldiers asked to convey words of gratitude. Last week, you met with members of the Human Rights Council and supported the idea of creating a Federal Museum of the SVO. Preservation of historical memory, especially in creative forms – this is our "media Hazel" in that information war, which the West is trying to deal with us.

From the residents of St. Petersburg, special words of gratitude for the assignment of the high honorary title "Guards" to our legendary Leningrad Regiment.

Now a question about the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation. Created in April 2023 by your Executive Order, it has been operating for a year and a half. How do you rate it? The work of the Foundation this year on a five-point or ten-point scale? In the next What are the main tasks you set for the Foundation? Main criterion the effectiveness of the fund for you.

Vladimir Putin: What As for the work of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation, I think it was created in June, not April, but it doesn't matter. I started working in June.

It was created after I had a meeting with mothers participants in a special military operation, with widows. I realized that the usual methods of supporting children who need this help and have received severe Injuries, disabilities, and families of fallen heroes are not enough, it is necessary to create some kind of separate mechanism, a separate tool, including for those who loses its ties with the Armed Forces. Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation For this purpose, it was created: in order to support guys who leave military service, but require careful attention from the state, And not formal attention, but an individual approach to each person in every family. A fund was created for this.

What does his task include? Solving social issues, obtaining various benefits, payments for those who need prosthetics and have received disability, in the organization of this prosthetics.

We must pay tribute to the foundation: they are great, they do not just order some product, they order the service in its entirety. This is due to the training of children, with the selection of an appropriate object for prosthetics, they look further for maintenance, and so that it is not burdensome, so that for There was no need to travel across the country - our country is huge. This The problem still exists, but they are working on it. It was all their task.

I recently spoke with Anna Evgenievna Tsivileva, she He says that now you know what appears in the requests? That I was very I was pleased that there are requests from young people for employment, and this is one of the most important areas of activity, by the way.

But now there are more and more requests for sports and participation in cultural events. This, of course, is great. You see, this means that there is still some kind of trend to change the situation for the better, it is still taking place, it has been outlined. This is very good.

But the most important task is, of course, employment. I've already He said: young guys, their eyes are shining, and there is training, many want such a thing to get training. In modern conditions, of course, it is possible to stay in the Armed Forces, such a decision has been made, but not only to work in military registration and enlistment offices, where, by the way, the level of income is not so high, a rather modest level Income. But you can work in the IT field, you can work in medicine, and you can work somewhere You can also work in sports - both in military sports and in such civilian sports Sport.

There are a lot of ways to find yourself, there are more and more such opportunities, taking into account modern technologies and the wishes of a particular person. Above This is how they work, and they work successfully on the whole. You know, in such a large-scale work There are always some problems. But there are a lot of people working there who have directly related to the conduct of a special military operation: or, unfortunately, The widows of our dead guys, the mothers of our guys who are still fighting there – in general, these are people who are not indifferent to what is happening. In this sense, and maybe Maybe that's why – and, by the way, the guys themselves who returned from the front, they work there, and probably to a large extent that's why The work is developing effectively.

I did not want to agree with the fact that the head of the Tsivilev Foundation Anna Evgenievna went to work in the Ministry of Defense, but then yielded to the proposal of Minister Belousov, because he told me that he believes it would be expedient to organise such "seamless" work later, that is, with those guys who remain within the Armed Forces, within the framework of the Ministry And with those who are still fighting, but need some support measures, and with those who have already gone beyond the perimeter of the Ministry of Defense. We need to make such a "seamless" work.

And just recently, in the summer, I think, they created such a social center. And now this social center of the Ministry of Defense and the Defenders of the Fatherland organises their work within the framework of a "one-stop-shop", where both people who remain in

the Ministry of Defence and those who have already left the to say the perimeter of the Ministry – it combines work on these two Directions. There are probably a lot of problems, but in general, this is how the work is set up.

Вы знаете, вот по ранениям они тоже принимали участие в выработке решений. У нас все получали по три миллиона: и за мелкое, такую небольшую царапину, ну и даже за ранение, но небольшое, и те, кто получал тяжёлую травму, связанную с инвалидностью, – все получали по три миллиона. Сами же военнослужащие попросили, обращаясь к Министерству обороны, к фонду «Защитники Отечества», поменять эту систему. И мы начали платить тем, кто получил тяжёлое ранение, четыре миллиона.

But when all this was reported to me, I saw that behind the perimeter of this payment there were guys who were seriously injured, If you get a disability, you get three million. And now we've started paying four. Well, of course, a simple thought came to my mind: those who received three, which means that the state did not pay them a million more. I said: no, it is necessary pay all retroactively. Now all the guys are getting this additional million, and they receive quite actively.

This work is also organized by the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation.

Dmitry Kulko: I suggest return to the appeals of Russians. You've probably seen it.

Vladimir Putin: Excuse me, Ksenia pulls her hand all the time. Please, Ksenia.

Konstantin Sobchak: Vladimir Vladimirovich, Ksenia Sobchak, "Caution Media".

You We touched on a very important topic about the "one-stop-shop" and such capabilities of the Ministry of Defense. I wanted to talk about this problem from the other side.

We are In particular, and many other people, journalists, show business stars, just Caring citizens are doing various projects. In particular, we have been we are engaged in a large project to help people from the Belgorod and Kursk regions, our fellow citizens who suffered from the attacks of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. For more than We managed to help 600 families this year.

To me It seems that there are a lot of such caring people. It would be very good as you Do you think it would be possible to help with this, also to make a "single window", In order to combine these public, civic initiatives with social workers and with the state structure that already exists. That is to do this on a voluntary basis, but in such a way that there is an opportunity to do so "one-stop-shop" across the entire spectrum of assistance. Because we are mainly faced with the problems of employment in new places, with the problem of placement in kindergartens and other institutions for families who are temporarily resettled with children. Was it possible to create such a A "single window" for such civil initiatives?

В.Путин: Во-первых, хочу сказать Вам спасибо за то, что Вы это делаете, это чрезвычайно важная вещь – помощь конкретным людям. Первое.

Second. Of course, when this is done by volunteers, for which everyone I want to express my gratitude to the volunteers, they do not just work, they are themselves Risk. There are also losses, unfortunately, among the volunteers. When they do, then, of course, they reach a specific person and sometimes feel more subtly that The state succeeds, and where something fails, as people say, where something does not work out.

Of course, we have here, as I have already said about Kursk region, there is just a program for the restoration of the Kursk region, for which funds are allocated. They are almost already highlighted. The same will happen is happening and is happening, of course, in other border regions: both Belgorod and Bryansk. No one will be left without attention here. You probably feel it more subtly and acutely.

I will think myself how to do it, and I will definitely ask our relevant departments and the Defence Ministry, and we will talk with the governor about how to combine these efforts: to create a "single window" or some kind of tool for coordination of efforts. We will definitely think about it. Ksenia, thank you.

I don't have a direct answer now, but the statement of the question is absolutely the right one, and we will think about how to do it.

Thank you.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, I propose to continue the topic of the special military operation, the topic of supporting military personnel and their Families.

Вы наверняка видели, что среди обращений, которые пришли в программу, были также просьбы помочь разобраться с начислением выплат семьям, военнослужащим. Также были просьбы помочь отыскать людей, которые сейчас числятся пропавшими без вести, либо с ними нет связи, либо, по имеющейся информации родственников, они попали в плен.

Mr President, is it possible to issue a separate instruction to the Defence Ministry to deal with these cases? People It's hard to be ignorant. You can somehow adjust, adjust the system informing the families of servicemen?

Vladimir Putin: These are A very sensitive issue for many people.

It is one thing when a person He is fighting, God willing, everything will be fine.

Different types of payments Exist. On the whole, they are worthy: these are the so-called combat ones, in some cases so-called travel allowances for those who find themselves in some regions before the start of the special military operation, and it was considered as a business trip, accruals for participation in offensive, assault operations, for participation in the organization of defense. There is a small difference, but everything is clear why.

When a man from the radar disappears, then the question of supporting families arises. We discussed this issue, and the Defence Minister was faced with this issue, he is aware of this problem. Here, as At least two things need to be done.

First, you need to speed up or reduce the time for making final decisions. Because there is no information, families stop receiving the appropriate payments, because the person is not there, he does not participate in either offensive or defensive measures, does not receive combat and so on - and the volume of support for families is reduced.

Here is the Ministry of Defense together with the Government, we must make another decision: what can replace at least part of these payments. There are different ideas there: to formulate about some kind of manual children or make some other decision. But it is

necessary to make a decision on temporary measures, and to speed up the decision on the final closure of the issue. I will not go into details now. In general, the Ministry of Defense is aware of this And he is working on it.

Anna Suvorova: In the meantime, we are working It's been more than three hours, almost three hours and ten minutes.

We have a lot of questions, questions They are different. I suggest doing a short blitz. Dmitry, how do you look at it See? Start?

Д.Кулько: Начну с вопроса Георгия Арефьева из Смоленской области: почему на совещаниях, которые Вы проводите, большие чиновники просят Вашего поручения, чтобы самим начать что-то делать?

В.Путин: Не нужно здесь ругаться на чиновников.

Дело в чём? Дело в том, что процесс принятия решений, он непростой, и когда вопрос доходит до меня, то это, как правило, такие вопросы, такие проблемы. К решению подходов есть разные точки зрения: одни коллеги считают, что нужно решить это таким способом, другие – таким способом. И поручения, как правило, нужны для того, чтобы определиться. Вот есть спор какой-то, есть развилка, как говорят в Правительстве при решении какого-то вопроса, тогда коллеги приходят ко мне и просят принять окончательное, что называется, командирское решение. Просят поручение, чтобы уже ничего не забылось, решение окончательное такое, сформулировано в поручении – вперёд, все начинают работать.

Бюрократических всяких заковырок много, иногда просто все согласны, но нужно, чтобы это было положено на бумагу и исполнялось как нормативный акт.

А.Суворова: Следующий вопрос: «С кем из ныне живущих или ушедших личностей Вы бы хотели выпить чашку чая?»

В.Путин: Из ныне живущих личностей я бы хотел почаще встречаться со своими друзьями и близкими мне людьми. И чайку с ними выпить, пообщаться, поговорить.

Если говорить об ушедших мировых лидерах, то у меня были контакты, не такие уж и близкие, но тем не менее на протяжении достаточно большого, длительного времени с канцлером ФРГ [Гельмутом] Колем.

Он был фигурой международного масштаба, и не только в силу того, что он был крупный мужчина, но и по своим действиям, по своим убеждениям. Буквально после первой встречи с ним в 1993 году и на протяжении длительного времени, и когда он уже перестал быть канцлером, нечасто, но регулярно приезжал ко мне в гости. Я имел удовольствие – именно удовольствие – с ним беседовать.

Это был, как говорили в своё время в Советском Союзе, крупный политический деятель современности. Он много сделал для своей родины, для немцев многое сделал. Он был крупным европейским и мировым политиком.

Я с интересом вспоминаю многие наши разговоры. Они были очень для меня полезными. Говорю без всякого преувеличения – очень полезными.

Очень интересным человеком был президент Франции [Жак] Ширак. Просто интересным. Он вообще был, знаете, как энциклопедист, как академик: чего не спросишь – всё знает. Даже любопытно, честное слово. На всё у него было своё мнение, он его строго придерживался. Он был очень корректным, галантным человеком. Я от него тоже многому научился, говорю честно, так же как от Коля многое услышал и для себя это подметил. И от Ширака тоже: его манера поведения, интеллигентность его поведения и так далее.

Немного другим человеком, но тоже весьма тёплым в общении, но деятельным, очень хватким был Берлускони. Он очень много сделал, так же, как и Ширак, для развития российско-итальянских отношений. Даже несмотря на то, что происходит сегодня, мы чувствуем, в итальянском обществе есть определённая симпатия к России, так же как у нас есть симпатия к Италии.

Все они внесли очень существенный вклад в развитие двусторонних отношений и в мировую политику. С ними было интересно. Они были личностями с собственным мнением. Это всё концентрировалось на достижении максимального результата для своих собственных стран, на укреплении суверенитета их государств.

У меня и сейчас много [друзей] в Азии, я уже говорил про дружеские отношения с...

А.Суворова: С Китаем говорили, да.

В.Путин: С Китаем и с Индией. У меня очень тёплые отношения с Премьер-министром Индии. Есть с кем общаться. Но, так же как и любому человеку, хочу ещё раз сказать, прежде всего это мои близкие, и некоторые у меня друзья сохранились ещё с детства, поэтому я этим очень дорожу.

А.Суворова: Следующий вопрос.

Д.Кулько: Владимир Владимирович, у меня то ли вопрос, то ли просьба дать совет от Татьяны Прохоровой из Чувашии: «У Вас есть вклады в банках? Если да, то в каких?».

В.Путин: Изначально у меня был вклад в Сбере, по-моему, там сохранился, а потом, когда Банк «Россия» был поставлен под санкции, это было первое финансовое учреждение, я просто демонстративно перевёл туда свои деньги. И, по-моему, зарплату туда перечисляют.

А.Суворова: Следующий вопрос: «Вам Эльвира Набиуллина сказала, какая будет завтра ставка ЦБ?» Я думаю, это интересует не только Валерия Семёнова из Псковской области, который написал этот вопрос.

В.Путин: Нет, она мне не говорит, какая будет ставка. Она сама, наверное, этого пока не знает, потому что они обсуждают это на совете директоров, на своей «комсомольской ячейке», и в ходе дискуссии принимают окончательное решение. Но надеюсь, что оно будет взвешенным и будет отвечать требованиям сегодняшнего дня.

Dmitry Kulko: Here is a question: "Vladimir's forecasts Zhirinovsky on the development of the situation in the Middle East and the South Caucasus come true. Will other predictions of the founder of the Liberal Democratic Party come true?"

Vladimir Putin: Of course, I was well acquainted with Vladimir Volfovich. He's not a soothsayer, he wasn't predictor, but he loved shocking and did it all with pleasure, spectacularly, was engaged in this. But he was a very erudite man and very well trained, he was generally a specialist in the Middle East, he was really Expert. And everything he said really comes true, because he said this on the basis of an analysis of what was happening both in our country and in the world, and predicted the development of the situation. This is coming true, indeed.

But this is exactly the forecast, based on real knowledge and on the experience that he had as a specialist.

Anna Suvorova: I suggest returning to blitz a little later, by the end of the program.

Dmitry Peskov: The blitz can go on indefinitely.

Anna Suvorova: Yes, 2200 thousand questions, of course.

Dmitry Peskov: I don't quite see what is on your paper, but you have been holding out your hand for a long time.

Vladimir Putin: There A man in a mask. You're next, okay?

Sergei Shevchenko: I can, Yes, to speak?

Vladimir Putin: Please, please.

Sergei Shevchenko: Svetlana Shevchenko, Novosibirsk, Novosibirsk region.

The fact is that we are an agrarian and industrial region, We produce value-added products for export, high-quality Products. However, recently we have had an acute shortage of young personnel in the countryside. We really feel it: despite rural mortgages, despite the development of rural areas, there is a shortage of personnel.

Mr President, what would you advise us on what measures to adopt in order to attract new young personnel and retain those who are already living in the countryside?

Vladimir Putin: Very much This is an important question, because agriculture is one of the key sectors of the Russian Federation. As I have already said, it develops well at a rate of three percent per year. And we cannot but be pleased with what is happening in agriculture.

Я уже приводил этот пример, если ничего не перепутаю, скажу. В 1986, что ли, году Советский Союз закупил 35 миллионов тонн зерновых. А в прошлом году мы поставили 56 миллионов тонн на экспорт. Ещё в 2000 году мы начали экспортировать, но это был 1,2 или 1,3 миллиона тонн, а сейчас 66 миллионов тонн. Это кажется просто невозможным, но это происходит.

Смотрите, мы входим в число трёх крупнейших экспортёров продовольствия на мировой рынок, а по пшенице вообще занимаем первое место в мире. И, несмотря на то что у нас в прошлом году вообще был рекордный урожай – 148 миллионов, сейчас будет 130, но это тоже очень большой урожай, мы стабильны: на протяжении 10 лет у нас свыше 100 миллионов тонн и стабильный, очень большой ресурс для экспортных операций. Мы полностью, я уже сказал об этом, закрыли себя по мясу – 100 процентов – и экспортируем.

Есть проблемы, связанные с молоком, с плодоовощной продукцией, но есть и программа развития. Всё постепенно, всё растёт.

Одна из важнейших проблем – это социальные вопросы на селе: это жильё, это культура, образование. Есть программа социально-экономического развития села, она в целом обеспечена финансированием. Конечно, наверное, и этого мало, но самое главное – это повышение уровня благосостояния людей, которые проживают на селе, увеличение уровня их доходов. От этого будут решаться все остальные вопросы. Мы, уверен, в таком ключе и будем двигаться.

Что касается кадров – тоже одна из ключевых составляющих. Традиционно, ещё со времён Советского Союза, мы всегда уделяли большое внимание кадрам, а сейчас работа на селе становится всё более интересной, это индустрия уже. Она требует

специалистов высокого класса, высокой квалификации, причём разных уровней: и в области биологии, и в области химии, традиционные агрономы и так далее, в области генетики.

У нас генетика, например, область генетики – вообще важнейшее направление, но она сейчас развивается наиболее высокими темпами как раз применительно и в интересах сельского хозяйства.

All this, in my opinion, is very interesting, and we need to We talked about this not only at events of this kind once a year, but so that they talk about it constantly and create conditions for young people who would come and worked with interest in this sector of the economy.

The state, for its part, will do everything to ensure that attract the applicants needed for this industry, and manufacturers should do what is done in other branches of production, that is, to create conditions for in a targeted manner to guide people to and during training already watch, select personnel for themselves, ensure their work at enterprises and industrial practice. We will certainly ensure all this together.

Dmitry Peskov: Mr President, we promised the masked journalist.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, please.

Alexei Knyazyev: Already took off his mask. I just go to the subway, like most, probably, here.

Andrey Knyazev, "Arguments of the Week. Uzbekistan", on a volunteer basis, and the head of the studio of young and adult journalists and bloggers "World of the Young", Moscow.

My question. This year will be 45 years old, as I started in journalism, I started in Uzbekistan, and the last 30 years have been here. See that paper journalism is dying. Maybe bloggers like Vlad Bumaga, will help newspapers that are independent, which do not depend on either the state or businessmen, but only on readers.

What do you think should be done to at least weekly paper Is the press dead? Because bloggers like there are now, they are not always smart, not always sincere, not always good. This is a short question.

And the second question I asked many officials, including Ms Zakharova, Press Secretary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. She said: go to Vladimir Vladimirovich on the direct line. That's why I'm going to do it.

A lot of our scientists and a lot of people who see In the future, it is said that within 10-12 years, the countries of Europe, Japan, The United States and not only, and the continent of America, can go under water or to die, but the people will remain, they will begin to ask to join us, Vladimir Vladimirovich, and they are against us. Maybe we should tell them about it in advance?

Это, конечно, гипотетически. Но ведь есть эти прогнозы. Я читаю, я очень много читаю и в основном газет, а не всяких телеграм-каналов-врунишек и всех остальных.

Два вопроса у меня к вам. Извините, что два.

В.Путин: Даже не знаю, говорить мне это или нет? Расскажу. Знаете этот известный анекдот, шуточку, когда за столом семья сидит, и маленький мальчик разгадывает кроссворд и говорит: слово назовите из трёх букв. Мама ему бум – ложкой по лбу. Он говорит: за что, это же дом! Папаша берёт, жене – бум: о доме надо думать! О доме надо думать.

Вы сейчас сказали по поводу того, что какие-то континенты будут уходить под воду. И надо бы подумать о том, что делать с этими людьми. О доме надо думать!

А.Князев: Так они же к нам побегут, Владимир Владимирович! Что мы с ними делать будем?

В.Путин: Я же Вас так внимательно слушал. Вы такой энергичный человек, дайте мне договорить. Спасибо Вам большое.

Я почему это говорю? Потому что те прогнозы, о которых Вы сказали, – это же не эфемерные подсчёты. Это делают серьёзные учёные, которые говорят о том, что будет таять вечная мерзлота. Здесь огромные проблемы для окружающей среды, потому что отсюда идут выбросы в атмосферу больше, чем от всех автомобилей вместе взятых во всём мире. Значит, если они будут таять, то и прибрежные регионы Российской Федерации тоже могут оказаться под угрозой.

Во-первых, у нас целые посёлки, города на сваях стоят, которые вбиты в вечную мерзлоту. Там уже что-то потрескивает. Вот об этом мы должны думать, о наших прибрежных городах, включая даже Петербург, Вы понимаете? Дамбу-то мы построили, о чём мечтали ещё со времён Петра I. Но надо думать, что дальше будет с прибрежными городами. О доме надо думать прежде всего.

А.Князев: И о журналистике бумажной.

В.Путин: Сейчас-сейчас. Если кто-то к нам будет переселяться, у нас 2,3 процента безработица, она отсутствует. Мы говорим о трудовой миграции и возникающих в этой связи проблемах.

Вы правы, подумайте над этим. Если будет какой-то серьёзный приток, надо думать, что с этим делать, где и как людей размещать. Мы самая большая страна по территории в мире, но за Уральским хребтом у нас проживает знаете сколько человек? 12 миллионов, что ли. Это что такое? Нам есть куда расселять людей.

В принципе заранее надо подумать о социальной и прочей инфраструктуре, о правилах. На самом деле это не праздный вопрос. Вы так с эпатажем всё это излагаете, но на самом деле вопрос есть. Повторяю ещё раз: прежде всего нужно думать о проблемах, которые у нас в стране возникают.

Бумажная журналистика и помощь со стороны Влада Бумаги. Я думаю, что такие ребята, конечно, с удовольствием вас поддержат, тем более что речь идёт в данном случае о бумажной журналистике.

Мне думается, что бумажная журналистика будет иметь своё место в этом огромном меняющемся мире, так же как и бумажная книга. Есть же возможность полистать

гаджет, там всё хорошим шрифтом изложено, на разных языках. Я сам, честно говоря, иногда этим пользуюсь. Но взять в руки книгу – другая история. Не только потому, что там картинки есть, хотя это тоже интересно посмотреть, и книжная иллюстрация – это иногда тоже произведение искусства.

Взять в руки те же «Известия» или «Комсомолку», полистать, покопаться – в этом есть кайф какой-то, правда? Я надеюсь, что те, кто занимается бумажной журналистикой, тоже учтут это и будут этот ещё наверняка имеющийся интерес у публики сохранять.

Самое главное, конечно, контент, содержание, потому что, каким бы ни был носитель, самое главное, как Влад Бумага говорил, что там внутри, содержание. Вот это самое главное. Если у бумажного носителя будет достойный и интересный контент по сравнению с какой-то интернетной шелухой, она никуда не денется, она не умрёт.

А.Суворова: Владимир Владимирович, давайте думать о доме, прежде всего здоровом. Дело в том, что это одна из тех тем, которые чаще всего интересуют россиян. Если посмотреть на статистику, фактически второе место [занимает]: спрашивают и про нехватку врачей в поликлиниках, и зачастую нехватку некоторых лекарств.

Suggest now to take Irina Yurievna Sycheva out of Nizhny Novgorod by phone.

Irene Yurievna, good afternoon! Your question.

Irina Sycheva: Good afternoon, Dear Vladimir Vladimirovich!

Me My name is Irina Yurievna Sycheva, I am from Nizhny Novgorod.

Appeal to you with a request to pay attention to our free medicine. At first, I want express sincere gratitude for the renovated premises of polyclinics, Thank God, they are being brought into a divine form.

But there is a catastrophic shortage of narrow specialists and district police officers in polyclinics therapists - doctors go to paid clinics. And what should we, pensioners and low-income citizens, do?

Second For a month I have not been able to make an appointment with a cardiologist, he is after a heart attack, the doctor accepts only once a week. There is no electronic appointment, since the doctor is not full-time. For a coupon, you need to stand in line at five or six in the morning, on the street, and it is not a fact that you will get a coupon. The queue stands on the street until seven in the morning, That is, before the opening of the clinic. For many elderly people, such a test is not suitable Force. We hope that you will understand this issue.

Beforehand Thank you very much.

President of Russia Vladimir Putin: Irina Yuryevna, medical issues – I see them in the context of the entire range of issues – are on the second place, in my opinion, are standing... Yes, second place. This is always a very important issue, both in all countries, by the way, and in countries with the so-called developed market economy – even today, perhaps, it is even more acute there than in our country. But what is there to think about them? We need to think about the house, I agree.

Therefore Thank you for noting the renovated clinic, for talking about it. This is It means that something is happening.

And we have a whole programme – I will tell you what it is now. Because the main problem is with personnel. This problem is in primary health care. We have hospitals, and as you know, doctors and doctors work there – there is practically no problem with personnel, but there is in primary care. But this leads to an understandable Conclusion: First of all, it is a matter of organizing healthcare in the regions of the Russian Federation.

If If we look at the turnover of beds in hospitals, we will see that they are not completely and completely filled during the year. And at the same time, in the primary health care: in polyclinics, in district hospitals, where they work Every day, there is a problem. And this is the task of local authorities in the region health care - to distribute the load. This is the first thing.

Second related to personnel training. We are trying, the Ministry of Health tries to attract as many applicants as possible, and this process is underway. We are They have now begun to pay extra to doctors and nurses in small settlements 50 and 29 thousand, and

that also matters. For the first time in previous years, we see an influx of I think there are 17,500 specialists, but there are still not enough of them.

So Let's get back to the organization of health care, to what needs to be continued work to strengthen primary care. And all this, of course, needs to be done at a much greater, better pace than it has been up to now. I cannot but agree with this. But in your particular case, my colleagues will give it to me, you have the data, right?

Anna Suvorova: Yes.

Vladimir Putin: We will try – not try, but we will definitely help with your father.

Dmitry Kulko: Let's continue the topic of medicine, which is important Subject.

Compared to last year, the number of appeals on issues of shortage of medicines This year there have been less, but nevertheless they exist and concern mainly obtaining preferential prescription drugs.

For example A pensioner from Kerch writes to us: "I have cancer. Discharged for free medications, the last time I received them was three months ago. I called the hotline in Simferopol - they replied that there were no medicines. Now I have to buy them myself. Help me figure it out."

And it's not just about expensive drugs - the situation with the shortage of ordinary saline solution in pharmacies was especially noticeable. And also people suffering from sugar diabetes, complain of interruptions in the receipt of insulin. For example, here are a few Messages.

Rashid Gainutdinova writes: "I have not been able to stay in the city of Neftekamsk for four months get insulin. Previously, I received it in the hospital, now they do not issue it. In the pharmacy also I can't buy it."

Vitaly Mayorov, the city of Atkarsk, Saratov region: "I have been suffering from diabetes for 50 years Sort of. Such a poor supply of insulin and test strips for all time I don't remember."

Vladimir Vladimirovich, at what stage is the development of the national pharmacology and how do you assess the provision of the population with basic drugs for the treatment of cancer and other acute diseases?

Vladimir Putin: This is an extremely important issue, as is the availability of specialists and doctors.

Pharma is the most important area of our activity. You know, back when I was working Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation, this was in 2008, we We began work on the development of our own pharmaceutical industry.

In 2008, they began to talk about this and began to create certain programmes. In 2009, these programs were formulated. They were called differently, but the essence The same thing: the development of its own pharmaceutical industry. Now it is already I don't remember how much money we planned then, how much we invested, but the pharma itself developed mainly with the support and assistance of the state – with the help of both of the federal budget.

Today, our pharmaceutical companies – in the last period time – we have begun to invest our own resources in development, and this is enough Large investments, amounting to tens of billions of rubles, 40 billion, or something, have been invested.

They have their own development programs, they began to create on the basis of own molecules, began to create their own substance, which we did not have before. We began to produce complex medicines, Including for the fight against cancer. It's very good in St. Petersburg Develops. For insulin too.

A what As for test strips and so on – well, you know, these are just failures, shortcomings in the activities of the relevant departments and at the local level. Money in general for all these drugs are excreted in full. This is a matter of organizing tenders and timely decision-making.

And of course, I will certainly talk to my colleagues in the Government and in the regions of the Russian Federation about doing everything on time and correctly to orient yourself in what the needs of the market are, how they are formed.

We have a pharmaceutical development program, it is now included in the project technological leadership. There is a separate area of this work on drugs. As for vital and necessary medicines, by 2030 we must reach 90 percent of the provision of our own medicines, and 40 percent of medical devices.

On the whole, this work is moving forward, and it is moving at a good pace. But, probably, work Huge and there are these failures – please also give us [data] – we will definitely We'll see, that is, not probably, but they definitely exist.

You They said about insulin: in general, we have always had enough insulin. Saline solution is generally nonsense. But I know – I try to follow this, of course: what As for these saline solutions, it is not about saline solutions, but about packaging. Over there it's just that two departments – the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Ministry of Health – did not make a decision on the prices for this packaging in a timely manner. For manufacturers The price that was offered became unprofitable - they got to the point that they started buy this packaging abroad.

To date, all decisions have been made, and I very much hope that there will be no such failures. We will look at this particular case, of course.

Thank you.

Dmitry Kulko: Dmitry Sergeevich, let's pass the baton.

Dmitry Peskov: Thank you. Let's go to the hall.

Remark (from the audience).

Dmitry Peskov: You You know, we're not going that far.

Vladimir Putin: Go ahead, You are welcome. But let's not do that. Now chaos will come Then, we will not be able to cope with it either. You are welcome.

Ksenia Aksyonova: Thank you you. Forgive me.

Ksenia Aksyonova, Spas TV channel.

I will ask questions that are united by the phrase of a person who, as I know that you have great respect for and who is loved by the entire Russian Church. This is the spiritual father of our Patriarch, Elder Eli (Nozdrin).

At the beginning of the special operation, he named three conditions for victory: to ban abortions, forbid swearing and bury Lenin's body.

Three questions on these three points.

The first is abortion. Our Patriarch speaks from year to year about the withdrawal of abortions from compulsory medical insurance, because this is not a medical procedure, and it does not cure, but only cripples. The leaders of the traditional religions of Russia support our Patriarch. Tell me, will this be done?

Secondly, you have recently exhaustively stated that it is anti-prayer and invocation of dark forces. In order not to repeat myself about obscenities, I will ask specifically about the dark forces, because Russia is now experiencing a boom in esotericism, occultism, fortune-telling, available pornography, and psychics people now spend more money than on doctors. sites are now the most visited in our Country. Tell me, will there be any measures to limit these obviously dangerous Activities?

The third is about the burial of Lenin's body. I am not talking about the assessment of his activities. You have given it more than once, but specifically about the fulfillment of his will and his family and that the embalmed body in the Mausoleum is an absolutely pagan and ungodly custom. Tell me, please, what prevents to bury Lenin's body?

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Questions Clearly not for an extended press conference and not for a direct line. They are all are extremely sensitive and acute.

As for abortion, of course, we need to think about so that religious beliefs do not suffer, and that we solve the issues related to demography. But at the same time, we have to

think about the level of the well-being of Russian families with children, about their future and about the right of women to make some decisions. This is a delicate question that was raised during the press conference is not solved, just like sites and so on.

See, someone is unhappy that Youtube is slowing down. You say, "in our country". sites are watched, in my opinion, all over the world. First sites, and then it seems like ordering a cutlet, you know? All over the world. It's not only Our misfortune is the misfortune of many other countries as well.

What can be the answer? In general, any prohibitions have the right to exist, but you should always offer an alternative that is more interesting than site. So that a person would climb into it, open a site and say: I've seen it before, I want to see something different. To capture Person. (Laughter in the hall.)

The same applies to the burial of Lenin's body. Someday, probably, Society will approach this. But today, especially today, in Russia, we should not to take a single step that would split our society. Here I proceed from this.

In general, Eli, of course, Rights. I love him and always listen to what he says. I know he told me about it.

Dmitry Peskov: Yes, you can. Shall we go to that sector?

Vladimir Vladimirovich, there is Kolesnikov, who is forgotten by me. If possible.

Vladimir Putin: Please, Andrey.

Andrei Kolesnikov: Good day!

Andrei Kolesnikov, Kommersant newspaper.

Vladimir Putin: Good day!

Andrei Kolesnikov: Mr President, almost three years of war have passed, and we have all changed a lot during this time. The war changed everyone, everyone. And what has changed in you, what have you Did you understand about yourself?

And here is one more question. If Dmitry Sergeevich does not mind, just No one asks, no one will ask, but curious. Some time ago, as it is known that US President Joe Biden pardoned his son Hunter, who was Convicted of false testimony when buying weapons. Everyone spoke out, there was a lot of excitement about this, and you kept silent. Maybe I don't know You have nothing to say about this. How do you like this in general?

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Sometimes They say: silence is golden. It is better to remain silent.

Thank you for this question, by the way.

As for the fact that Biden pardoned his son, although he promised not to do this is such a delicate thing. There are others in the history of our country Examples. Everyone is well aware of the painting "Ivan the Terrible and His Son Ivan" - whether it is a legend or not, as a legend or not what happened to the son of Peter I, to Alexei; or with Stalin – this is not a legend when Stalin refused the offer to replace his son Yakov, who was in captivity, for Field Marshal Paulus, said: I do not exchange a soldier for a marshal.

You know, this is a person's decision, but then the situation was Which? In our country, even surrender was considered a betrayal. Why? You can talk anything about it. At that time, the country was not facing a possible defeat, but before the possible total destruction of not only the country, but also our entire People. At that time, it was about the survival of an ethnos, a nation. The measures of struggle for victory were harsh, if not cruel.

Given this mood in society, which was apparently supported by the head of state, Stalin, and did not give him the opportunity to save his son. He said what he said and did what he did.

As you know, his son was executed in the camp, and Paulus was "used" at the Nuremberg Trials. When he entered the hall, everyone gasped - no one expected to see him there.

But as for Biden, you know, he's a politician, and it's always important What is more in you: a politician or a person. It turned out that Biden has more Person. I wouldn't blame him for that.

Anna Suvorova: There was the first part of Andrei Kolesnikov's question about the three years of the special operation and the continuation of hostilities.

Vladimir Putin: What has changed?

Andrei Kolesnikov: How are you have changed in the last three years?

Vladimir Putin: You know, we all We are changing, changing every day, every hour. I think that's all Those present in the hall, and those who listen to us and see us, are also changing. Such Life: everything flows, everything changes. But these three years, more than two years, they are, of course, were a serious test for all of us, for the whole country and for me.

You know, I will tell you frankly: we are now joking here, and laughter is heard in the hall, but I have begun to joke less and have almost stopped laughing.

Well, there is one more circumstance: I, of course, became to improve, as I think, the skills I have – at least in this way Let's call it – in the search for key issues and in the opportunities to focus attention and efforts on solving them.

Dmitry Peskov: Let's continue. Let's be diametrically Let's go to the opposite sector.

I I see RBC. RBC, please.

Pavel Khimshiashvili: Good afternoon.

Polina Khimshiashvili, RBC.

Literally In continuation of the question that was raised. You said that you began to laugh less, smile. If you could go back to February 2022, would you change yours? decision?

Vladimir Putin: hypothetical question: "If only I could go back..." You know, if you could look at the situation in 2022, knowing what is happening now, What would I think of? About what is the decision that was made at the beginning of the 2022, should have been taken earlier. This is the first thing.

And the second thing. Knowing this, I just had to start preparing for these events, including the NWO. After all, the Crimean events were simply spontaneous, and we also began the events of 2022 without any special preparation for them. But why Have we started? Because it was no longer possible to stand still and endure, and wait for the situation to worsen for us. That's what it's all about.

You see the Kiev authorities announced that they would not comply with the Minsk agreements. They said this directly, declared their claims to some kind of weapon of mass Destruction. We saw that we were deceived about the Minsk agreements, eight The war and slaughter, the destruction of people in the Donbas have been going on for years. Nothing is happening, the Minsk agreements have been abandoned.

And moreover, we saw that the military development of these territories began with the parallel destruction of everything related to Russia. It was impossible to go further to remain in the state in which we were. They forced us to do this Actions. If you knew in advance what would happen, you would, of course, to carry out systematic serious preparation. I would mean this.

Dmitry Peskov: Friends, We have already been working for four hours.

Vladimir Putin: Let me [The word] to colleagues. Give me the microphone, please.

Yekaterina Lazareva: Thank you, Mr President.

Hello!

Ekaterina Lazareva, URA.RU agency.

You Today we mentioned European leaders and the American leader, the new and current one.

My question is this. In 2025, Russia will celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War, and I know that you are already inviting the leaders of various Countries. At the same time, if we recall that the anniversary of the Allied landing in Normandy was celebrated this year, France did not invite us. There will be commemorative events at Auschwitz in January 2025. As far as I know, we are not invited either.

Did you send an invitation to our allies in the anti-Hitler coalition to the anniversary of the Victory? in 2025, so that they come to Moscow? It is important to you that the leaders of the United States, Great Britain, maybe France, came to Moscow or at least representatives of of these countries?

Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: First of all, about inviting us anywhere. We are not striving anywhere. Firstly We feel good at home. We need to strengthen ourselves, this is the whole point of our work.

Second. We will never forget the sacrifices made by our people on the altar of victory over Nazism. The most important thing is that we do not forget this. Otherwise That they are trying to forget it in other countries, this is natural for today's leaders, because for them this is a line of attack on Russia as a whole – as if to forget, to move, not to remember. But that's their business.

We are We will be glad to see everyone who wishes to come to us in order to celebrate this significant date. Although I sign some invitations, but in general this is the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. My position is that we generally are open to everyone who wants to be with us these days in Moscow and celebrate this date.

We are We will be glad to see everyone, including the participants of the anti-Hitler coalition, the participants of which made a significant contribution to the solution of the issue of victory over Nazism: both the United States and Great Britain with its northern convoys. And there There were also heroic people, we love and respect them. Also, in my

opinion, veterans survived. The sailors of Great Britain acted truly heroically, during the landing in the north of France, the Americans fought.

Really their participation, their losses are incomparable with the losses of the Soviet people in the Great Patriotic War. We have 27 million, and how many are in the United States? 500 thousand died, in Great Britain even less – 400 thousand, I don't think so, although in the First World War They lost 1.5 million. Therefore, the contribution to the Victory, of course, is different, but their Participation was worth a lot, if only because they were with us. They supported under Lend-Lease. We, however, paid for this in full and in full. When I became President, we paid off in full even under Lend-Lease. The Americans took this money from us, you know? We gave it completely despite for the fact that so many years have passed.

We are Nevertheless, we appreciate the contribution of the allies to the common struggle and will be glad to see everyone, who wants to share the joy of Victory with us.

Dmitry Kulko: Vladimir Vladimirovich, we still have many questions, including personal ones.

Vladimir Putin: Let us ask you one more question in this hall.

Yamal, what about Yamal?

Andrei Zhizhin: Vladimir Vladimirovich, hello!

"Yamal-Meda", Zhizhin Andrey.

Western countries have imposed more than 20 thousand different sanctions...

Vladimir Putin: Already 40, in my opinion.

Andrei Zhizhin: 40?

Vladimir Putin: To be honest, I am Speaking of it, I don't think so.

Andrei Zhizhin: They are especially concerned about our progressive development in the Arctic. It got to the point that they openly declare that their goal is to destroy, kill LNG projects in the Arctic – production of liquefied natural gas.

What do you think they are so afraid of? Do they manage to somehow influence the pace of our development in the Arctic? How are we going to respond?

Vladimir Putin: What are they afraid of? They are afraid of competition. They use the means of political struggle to unfair competition.

The well-known company NOVATEK. It is not a leader, other countries, including the United States, produce more of this LNG, but we are growing. They try to prevent us from growing. These are unscrupulous means, funds restraining competition, absolutely.

This is In the end, it is bad for them too, because if they use such methods to fight competition, and not by economic means, then they themselves will lose their competitiveness someday. Yes, it won't be tomorrow, but someday it will happen if it continues.

Prevent Are they for us or not? Prevent. Creating problems? Create. Will they be able to close it all, kill us completely? No, they cannot. They will cause us some damage and harm, But, of course, from this situation, as well as from other supply situations energy, let's get out. Moreover, the need for energy resources from the point of view of views of the development of the world economy are still ongoing. This need is growing, It will grow (this is not our data, this is the data of global economic institutions), it's just that this product will be in demand on world markets. We will continue to do so and will increase our share in global LNG markets.

By the way As for pipe deliveries, [supplies] of pipeline gas too. Ukraine refused to extend transit contract. It is not us who refused, it is Ukraine that refuses. Ukraine refused to extend the contract, although it received about 700-800 million from us dollars per year per contract.

Right away Questions arise about what to do about it. But this is not our problem, this is Ukraine cut off the supply of our gas to European consumers. On the one hand, "pecks

from their hand", because only with the support of the outside of the West, including from Europe, it can exist, not only fight, exist, and at the same time creates problems for them, cutting off the supply of our relatively cheap gas to Europe. There will be no such contract, everything is already clear. Good, we will survive, Gazprom will survive this.

By the way You know, that quite recently our special services reported to me that saboteurs had been detained in Slovakia, and it was clear that Ukrainian saboteurs, with maps of the location of gas energy facilities in Slovakia.

To me Just yesterday or the day before yesterday this was reported, I will ask for partner channels, connections are preserved, so that our special services ask their colleagues what it is, after all? You see, not only do we commit terrorist attacks, now they also commit terrorist attacks in European countries.

I repeat once again: they feed from their hands, peck from their hands and have already begun to try to carry out terrorist attacks on the territory of Europe. But this is their choice. Our [choice] is development cooperation, and we will achieve our goals.

"Space", Come on. And the BBC, I see. Now you will have the opportunity to attack us. Come on. We are only defending ourselves.

Dmitry Maslak: Thank you.

I am a correspondent of the Russian Service of the State television of China in Moscow. We work here in Russia, I am a citizen of Russia, Although I am considered a foreign journalist.

I can start with a question from the state television of China, from CGTN, Because thanks to them I got here, we have been working here for the second year.

There is only one question. "Results of the Year" program today is called, And you have been saying for a year that China's peace initiatives are the only ones one of the most – I don't remember the exact wording – but you said that they were more real than all the others offered by the intermediary countries.

We all remember and heard statements that the West has exhausted the limit trust, Russia was deceived by European leaders, they themselves admitted it. But if we talk about the specifics: Mr. Trump and his assistant Keith Kellogg say that it is possible to end the war even before the inauguration, on January 20.

We are not talking about the accession or non-accession to NATO of this or that Country... Is it possible just to stop the fire in one minute? Is Russia ready to take at least such a simple step if its European partners, American partners will be able to persuade Kiev?

Because really everything, the whole world is tired of the Ukrainian crisis, and people in Russia, too, it seems to me, already want peace. Such a simple step: No one risks anything, just stop where they are at one moment. If Someone does not fulfill their promises, does not keep their promises, then, in principle, everything can continue. No one loses anything, just "stop" at one point.

And the second question right away, since this is still a combined format. I live in Korolev and I would like to ask you to pay attention to the most is a great science city in Russia, because here, the residents of Korolev, honestly To put it, there are many questions.

Now the National Space Center is being built in the center of Khrunichev, many residents of Korolev, and this is a quarter of a million people, residents of Moscow regions, are still perplexed: we remain the space capital historically, where Did Korolev, the leading designers, work, or not? We need in the city, For example, on the territory of a house-building plant, they are now trying to divide This territory may be a special economic zone, because the city needs some kind of impetus, it is necessary to return to Korolev the title of historical space the capital of the country, because RSC Energia continues to work, and so on.

For this, you just need a third entrance to the city - everyone is begging very much, Because traffic jams are for four hours. We'll finish here now and go to stand in this beautiful notorious traffic jam for three and a half hours. We need an overpass. With us There are a little problems with democracy in the city. Sorry, it's boiling.

Dmitry Peskov: You have combined two roles at once: both as a citizen and as a journalist.

Dmitry Maslak: A direct line and a news conference.

Anna Suvorova: I have come once.

Dmitry Maslak: In general, yes. The third entrance to Korolev. You even We drove along this overpass ourselves. A third entrance to Korolev is needed, because That's it, we are drowning, we cannot stand in these traffic jams. I think now the whole Korolev applauds, applauds, because if you can solve it, we will very happy.

Thank you very much.

Colleagues, sorry.

Vladimir Putin: Yours The employer will not praise you for the second part of your question - it is not for you I sent it here, but you got my message right: you have to think about home. This is Exactly.

The issue of entering Korolev was discussed. I know from our former talks about the development of Korolev as a space capital. In Moscow Another center is already under construction, a very important center in terms of development of the space industry, but Korolev is a well-known, recognized center. I will not go into details now, but Korolev as a science city certainly deserves due attention. I will definitely talk to my colleagues in the Moscow Region and with those who are involved in aviation and space. There are different plans there.

The idea of creating a special economic zone is based on certain grounds. I will not talk about the final decision now, but it is absolutely possible and necessary to think about it, in general, to think about how to use Korolev's potential. Here you are absolutely right. This is the first thing.

Secondly, regarding the peace initiatives of the People's Republic of China of the Republic of Brazil, the Republic of South Africa. Why did we pay attention to this? attention? Because this is a sincere attempt to find a solution. In our opinion, this The attempt is balanced and does not impose anything on any of the parties: neither Ukraine nor Russia. Therefore, this is done by neutral countries that do not interfere in the conflict, as, for

example, Western states do, which In fact, they are fighting us with the hands of Ukrainians. Therefore, what they offer is Of course, we need to think a hundred times, because this is actually a belligerent.

Is it possible for us to stop hostilities right now? Do you see what's going on? I told you about this, what is happening: there is an exhaustion of the fighting equipment, equipment, ammunition, ammunition and, most importantly, personal composition on the part of the Ukrainian armed forces - exhaustion.

What do we really see on the battlefield today? Our army is moving forward, The enemy cannot gain a foothold in the positions to which he has retreated day, at a given moment of time. He retreated in an organized manner, but he cannot gain a foothold there - our guys are going again tomorrow, and so on, and on, and on.

To stop for a week means to give the enemy the opportunity to gain a foothold in these positions, give them the opportunity to take a break and get the necessary equipment and ammunition. Which is very important from the point of view of training of personnel - this will make it possible ... Not like today: they people are recruited from the streets, as I have already said at the [collegium] of the Ministry of Defense, as stray dogs are seized. But stray dogs are at least brought to hotels for stray animals, and then they try to distribute them to families, and here they just Bullets are thrown.

There is no time to prepare, and our guys record it on the field Battle: the training is not the same at all - this is not the Soviet school of training military personnel, this is a different story. Even those who are trained in Western countries, are not pulling in comparison with the Soviet school, because those who cooks, they have never fought, they themselves do not know anything. What do they teach?

So, a long period of relative truce will provide an opportunity The enemy should do this as well – preparation and retraining, strengthening of personal Composition. In some battalions of the Ukrainian army, 35 percent of the personal composition, 40. There is a battalion, but there are no personnel inside. Do you want to give They have the opportunity to re-equip?

We do not need a truce, we need peace: long-term, lasting, secured by guarantees for the Russian Federation and its citizens. This is a complex The question is how to provide these guarantees, but in general it is possible to look for them.

As for a short-term truce: with this proposal The Prime Minister of Hungary, Mr. Orban, addressed me. That's what he told me – I think that Victor will not be angry with me if I reveal at least part of our conversation - he says: what does it cost you, for a day, for two, This is a Christmas truce - nothing the enemy can do in these two or three days He will not be able to. I said: yes, this is probably true, but you will first talk to the Ukrainian side. We agreed to such events at least three times shipping in the Black Sea, and energy infrastructure, and so on further.

Erdogan suggested to me, ask your President. And so it was, He offered me as an intermediary. I say: I have to think about it. Then the next day, a day later, he called and said: we agree. Suddenly – once, the head of the Ukrainian regime declares: no negotiations, no truce. Later I call Erdogan and say: so what? He says: these are our partners. I said: well, okay.

Now I asked Orban. He also offered Christmas armistice, he also proposed an exchange of prisoners. I didn't give up anything, I said: in principle, we need to think about it, you should ask them. He asked. The next day, the head of the [Kyiv] regime said that there was no truce, There will be no exchange of prisoners. This is the answer to your question.

Dmitry Kulko: We have been on the air for more than four hours. Let's finish.

Vladimir Putin: BBC, I promised.

You are welcome.

Anna Suvorova: They promised to attack.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, you promised to attack. They are happy to do it even without promises. He has a job They get money for it.

S. Rosenberg: BBC News.

Exactly 25 years ago, Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin resigned, he handed over power to you and said: take care of Russia. 25 years later, as you Do you think you have saved Russia? Because what do we see from the outside? We see significant losses in the so-called special military operation, which you announced, we see Ukrainian ones soldiers who are in the Kursk region, you criticise the expansion of NATO, but it has become more NATO on the borders of Russia: Sweden, Finland. Sanctions, high inflation, demographic problems. But do you think you have saved your country?

Vladimir Putin: Yes. I believe that I have not just removed, I believe that we have moved away from the edge abyss, because everything that happened to Russia before and after that led us to the complete, virtually total loss of our sovereignty, and without sovereignty Russia cannot exist as an independent state.

I would like to draw your attention to what you said about Boris Nikolaevich Yeltsin. Everything seemed to be fine, he was patronizingly patted on the shoulder, not noticed, even when he took a little drink. He was Very pleasant in all Western circles. As soon as he raised his voice in defense Yugoslavia, as soon as he said that it was contrary to the international law and the Charter of the United Nations, as soon as he said that this is unacceptable in modern Europe – to strike Belgrade, the capital of a European state, without sanctions of the UN Security Council, they immediately began to persecute him, they immediately began to Call him names: he is so-and-so, an alcoholic, and so on and so forth. Don't you remember that?

I have done everything to ensure that Russia is an independent and sovereign power that is able to make decisions in its own interests, and not in the interests of those countries that dragged it to themselves, patting it on the shoulder, in order to use it for their own purposes. In principle, you can It would be limited to it. I understand that you have just set out the entire set there, which, as it were, reinforces your theses.

They said about inflation. Yes, there is inflation. We will fight this. But we also have economic growth rates. We are ranked fourth in the world in terms of purchasing power parity – please inform your readers – first in Europe, far ahead of the UK. United Kingdom In my opinion, he is not even in the top five.

But we are ready to work with the UK if the UK wants to work with us. But if this does not happen, don't, we will cope without our former allies in the anti-Hitler coalition.

Dmitry Kulko: Mr President, There are many questions from the Russians, including personal ones. Time is short, so I also offer in blitz mode.

Dmitry Peskov: It's been four and a half hours already.

Vladimir Putin: Let's wrap up.

Anna Suvorova: You have Do you have a dream? Not of a state nature, but personal. What are you dreaming about?

Vladimir Putin: Yes, Of course. But this is a personal dream. Can I keep it to myself?

Dmitry Kulko: A question from social networks. Alexandra Pukhova asks: Are you a happy person?

Vladimir Putin: You Think this is a blitz question? This is what I have to answer you "yes" or "no". How can I tell you "yes" or "No"?

Do you see what's going on? The fact is that everyone is well aware After all, I was born in a simple, working-class family, my ancestors crossed the Danube even more in the XIX century, and from the archive to me they brought a paper where one of my ancestors was awarded the St. George Cross, one of the from the first St. George Crosses. Then my father, all my relatives and on the line mothers, on his father's side fought on the fronts of the Great Patriotic War. Lots of dead, very, every second, probably, died, my father was a disabled Patriotic War. I myself served in the foreign intelligence agencies, always mine work was associated with service to the Fatherland. And, of course, the fact that people, citizens This is not the first time that Russia has been entrusted with the leadership of the Russian state – this is A great honor and a huge responsibility. And in principle one could say: That's it, I'm happy, and thank you. You could say: fear God, What could be more?

But you know, the thing is, happiness can't be complete before until our boys return from the front, until they are met by their mothers and wives, until their children hug them, until

our young men, girls, young men create the right number of families for us, for the country, for Russia and to have children.

I really want our scientists, artists and cultural workers to implemented their plans. Only then will it probably be possible to say that I am happy.

Anna Suvorova: Yes, there are A question from St. Petersburg: why do various foreigners call you names, and you are silent?

Vladimir Putin: These are depends on the level of culture. I have already said once: who calls what names, That's what it's called. And this is done, in my opinion, out of impotence. And why do we need demonstrate this powerlessness? We have enough arguments to make it clear and clear state your position.

Dmitry Kulko: A text message from the Stavropol Territory: do you have any obligations that you have Hate?

Vladimir Putin: No. You You know, if people have entrusted me to perform the functions of the president of the country, there are certain responsibilities, I set myself up for what I have to to fulfill them with dignity, at least with full dedication.

I know that if I take the practice of hating, not loving something that goes into my official duties, then the desired result will not be achieved. Therefore I have long built myself on the fact that everything I have to do, I have to do it with pleasure.

Anna Suvorova: A question from the Nizhny Novgorod Region: whose portrait is hanging in your office?

Vladimir Putin: I have There is no portrait in the office. I have an icon in one office, and in the second in the office there is a bust of Lomonosov.

Dmitry Kulko: Another SMS from Moscow: "Could they give political asylum to Zelensky? After all, it is soon for him will be needed."

Vladimir Putin: I don't know, I don't think it will be necessary. I think, quite likely, I don't know, how he will act, but it is likely that he, like some people, from the top political leadership of Ukraine – they went abroad – will leave. He will be supported by those people whose interests he serves today.

If he, excuse me, suddenly as unexpectedly as the devil from a snuffbox, appeared somewhere and said: I need political asylum – Russia does not refuse anyone.

Anna Suvorova: A question from Tatyana Kostyuchenko: what is Russia for you?

Vladimir Putin: This is such a comprehensive question.

Map See, on the contrary. Russia, like any other country, This is, of course, a huge territory. But it's not just territory, it's history, culture, our customs, traditions. This is all Russia. But still, the most important thing is These are people.

What do I sometimes catch myself on, especially lately? When I watch something – I rarely watch TV, I don't have time, I almost never go to the Internet – I look at our achievements, on the success of our people.

Right away There was the World Swimming Championship. The guys came out - torso, healthy, powerful, Self-confident, world champions, beautiful girls. I look at boys and girls who achieve success at international Olympiads, I look at our young scientists with whom I recently met. Honest I say the word: I look and rejoice in it, as I would rejoice in the success of the members of his family. Without any exaggeration. I look at it and rejoice, as if it were mine close people. Therefore, I look at Russia as a family.

Anna Suvorova: Vladimir Vladimirovich, millions of viewers have been watching us for more than four and a half hours, We have answered many questions, it is clear that there is still a lot to come.

In conclusion, what else would you like to say to the citizens of our country?

Vladimir Putin: I said now about the fact that I treat Russia like my family.

We are working and talking on the eve of very bright holidays – both the New Year and the Nativity of Christ. I talk to many representatives of different faiths, and they all say to me: what are we, we We all celebrate Christmas, just as our neighbors celebrate Eid al-Adha, Passover, and so on.

When I meet with representatives of confessions, I often I ask: when people communicate at the everyday level, most often about what They say what they regret? We are not talking about the mystery of confession, of course, but still. Do you know what they answer? Regret what? Too little attention is paid to children.

On the eve of the New Year, this is a family holiday - and even more so I would like to wish you to pay more attention to your loved ones. And I want to wish everyone success, happiness and prosperity.

Anna Suvorova: Thank you You are very much.

Dmitry Kulko: Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Thank you.

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