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## President Biden seemingly declares that President Vladimir Putin should be removed from power

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On 26 MAR US President Joe Biden capped off his four-day trip to Europe with a speech in Poland, in which he seemingly condemned President Vladimir Putin and expressed the view that he should not be in power in Russia. Biden's speech included discussing Western allegiance amidst the Russian-Ukrainian War. Additionally, Biden warned that Europe must prepare for a long fight against Russia, stating that this may be a decades-long conflict. To end the speech that took place at the Royal Castle, Biden appeared to call for Putin's removal of power stating that "for God's sakes, this man cannot remain in power."

### CMCD Note

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It can be assessed with high confidence that President Biden did not indicate that it was the intent of the US to remove, or assist in the removal, of Russian President Vladimir Putin from the Russian presidency. Shortly after President Biden's speech, White House officials responded by stating that Biden was not calling for a regime change in Russia. Additionally, White House officials stated that these remarks do not indicate any US policy change regarding current US force posture.

### Sources

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President Biden calls for Putin's removal

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Biden says Putin "cannot remain in power" the White House says otherwise

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