

Minsk Atom Plant Deal Soon

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Russia and Belarus will in the next "few days" ink a finalized contractual agreement to build Belarus' first nuclear power plant, Sergei Kiriyenko, head of Rosatom, announced Wednesday, Interfax reported.

"There should be an agreement — the final one — signed with Belarus in a few days," Kiriyenko said.

The contract was to have been signed Wednesday, but was put off due to health problems afflicting Belarussian First Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Semashko, Kiriyenko said. The power plant's first generating unit is expected to go online in 2017 and the second the following year. Combined capacity will be 2,400 megawatts. Atomstroieksport is the general contractor for building the facility.

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