

Putin's News Conference Set for Dec. 19

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President Vladimir Putin will hold his major annual news conference on Dec. 19, the Kremlin said in a website statement Monday.

Putin moved his biggest news conference of the year to December in 2012, replacing call-in shows that had previously followed the annual State of the Nation address. The call-in session was pushed to April.

Last December, Putin took 81 questions during a news conference that lasted four hours and 33 minutes.

During his 13 years as president and prime minister, Putin has held 11 hotline shows, Interfax reported. He has also held eight so-called big news conferences so far.

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