

Putin Call-In Show Possible in Mid-April

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President Vladimir Putin may hold his traditional call-in show with Russian citizens in April again this year, his spokesman said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov declined to specify the date or the main topic of the live question-and-answer session, saying only that it was "possible" that the conversation will take place in April, Kommersant reported on Thursday.

An unidentified government official said that the show will not take place before the middle of April.

The president's comments may focus on Russia's takeover of Crimea, Kommersant added.

During his 13 years as president and prime minister, Putin has held 11 hotline shows, according to Russian media reports.

Two years ago the call-in show was moved from December to April, to avoid making Russians wait outside in the cold for a chance to get a microphone and ask the president a question, the Kremlin said.

State-owned "Channel One" did not respond to Kommersant's request for comment, though an unidentified television industry employee said that the call-in show was not an "extraordinary event" and that preparation generally start a week beforehand.

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