

Putin Not Invited to Poroshenko's Inauguration as Ukraine President, Peskov Says

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Ukrainian businessman, politician and presidential candidate Petro Poroshenko speaks during his news conference in Kiev on Monday.

President Vladimir Putin has not been invited to the inauguration ceremony of newly-elected Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and will be absent from the occasion, his spokesman said.

"As far as I know, the president has not received an invitation to the inauguration," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Russian News Service Thursday.

Peskov added that Putin's schedule did not include a trip to Ukraine anytime soon.

The inauguration ceremony for Poroshenko, a longtime government figure and businessman who won Sunday's Ukrainian election with 54.7 percent of the vote, has been scheduled for June 7, his press office said Thursday.

Though Putin may not be present for the Kiev ceremony, the two leaders are likely to see each other the day before, as both are scheduled to attend a lunch commemorating the Allied forces landing in Normandy in World War II upon the invitation of French President Francois Hollande, Reuters reported.

The lunch will also be attended by other key political figures such as German Chancellor Angela Merkel and U.S. President Barack Obama.

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