

Putin Says War Between Russia and Ukraine 'Unlikely'

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Russian President Vladimir Putin addresses during a joint news conference with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban in Budapest Feb. 17, 2015

Russian President Vladimir Putin has said war with neighboring Ukraine is unlikely.

"I think that such an apocalyptic scenario is unlikely, and I hope this will never happen," he told a reporter with Russia State TV company on Monday, when asked if he expected a war between Russia and Ukraine. A transcript of the interview was published on the Kremlin website.

Putin also said he did not see the need for another meeting with France, Germany and Ukraine on resolution of the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

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