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A CNN host mistakenly referred to Russian President Vladimir Putin as Boris Yeltsin during a live broadcast of the UN General Assembly session on Monday.

"Russian President Boris Yeltsin wrapping up his remarks," CNN's Ashleigh Banfield was heard saying in the broadcast after Putin concluded his speech.

The presenter quickly realized her mistake and laughed it off.

"Oh, excuse me!" she said. "Boy, I'm harkening back 20 years."

Boris Yeltsin was Russia's first president and served from 1991 until 1999 before appointing Putin as his successor.

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