

Putin Thanks Kazakh President for Help in Russian-Turkish Conflict

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has thanked Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev for his help in healing Turkish-Russian ties, the RBC news outlet reported Tuesday.

Nazarbayev worked as a mediator between the two countries after the [downing of a Russian jet](#) by the Turkish military in Nov. 2015 left ties at an historic low, Putin said.

The Kazakh president said that he was pleased with the relationship's improvement, praising the role of Russia in the modern international politics.

Several secret mediators, including Nazarbayev, were named by Turkish presidential spokesperson Ibrahim Kalin in August. Kalin called the nations involved in the mediation "Turkey's proven friends," but did not specify what the role entailed.

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