

In Photos: Putin Inaugurated as President for Fifth Term

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Vladimir Putin was sworn in as President of Russia for a fifth term in a lavish inauguration ceremony Tuesday, which included a military procession, columns of armed guards, and a cavalry parade, as well as an Orthodox prayer service. Putin took the oath of office in the Kremlin's gilded Saint Andrew's Hall, where he was greeted by Russian officials and military brass. While Putin was constitutionally mandated to step down in 2024, changes made to Russia's Constitution in 2020 "reset" his presidential term limits, thus allowing him to stay in power until 2030. In March, the longtime Kremlin chief secured a six-year term after winning an election marred by widespread reports of fraud and where no real opposition was given the chance to run.



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