

## Deep Fake Video of Putin Declaring Martial Law Is Broadcast in Parts of Russia

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A deep fake video depicting Russian **President Vladimir Putin** declaring martial law and warning that he would order a general mobilization briefly <u>dominated televisions and radios</u> in some of the country's border cities Monday.

The broadcast, which also claimed there was an ongoing Ukrainian incursion into Russia, was aired in Belgorod, Voronezh, and Rostov, cities in close proximity to Ukraine's border.

Kremlin spokesperson **Dmitry Peskov** confirmed to state-affiliated news agency TASS that the deep fake video had aired, adding there was no state media address made by Putin on Monday.

In <u>#Russia</u>, several radio stations and even local TV networks appear to have been hacked to broadcast a deep fake address allegedly by president Putin.

This fake address announced mass mobilisation and introduced martial law in border regions.

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Alex Kokcharov (@AlexKokcharov) <u>June 5, 2023</u>

"There was a hack in some regions. In particular, I know that there was a hack on <u>Mir radio</u> and in some <u>networks</u>," Peskov said. The government has taken control of the affected networks, and are "sorting out" the situation, he added.

Those responsible for the hack have yet to be identified.

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