

Vladimir Putin: Our Turkish Colleagues ... Raised Sensitive Issues that do not Fit into the Context of International Law”

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Vladimir Putin: What is the most important thing for us? I want you to understand this. I want our people to hear this and I want Turkey to hear this as well.

Apart from the tragedy, the fact that our people were killed, what has upset us so much, do you know? After all, we have not abandoned cooperation. When I was last in Antalya I had contact with Turkey’s entire leadership. Our Turkish colleagues raised very sensitive issues and asked for support. Even though our relations have soured now (I will not say what the issue was – this is not my style), but believe me, they raised issues with us that are very sensitive and that do not fit into the context of international law when we consider the decisions proposed by the Turkish side. You will be surprised, but we said, “Yes, we understand, and we are willing to help.”

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