## Kremlin calls ICC arrest warrant for Putin 'outrageous and unacceptable'

Russian leaders were quickly critical of the arrest warrant that the International Criminal Court issued for President Vladimir Putin based on alleged crimes committed in Ukraine.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that the ICC's warrant, which was announced on Friday, was "null and void" because Russia did not recognize the court's jurisdiction, a position he adamantly reaffirmed.

"We consider the very formulation of the issue outrageous and unacceptable. Russia, as well as several other states, do not recognize the jurisdiction of this court and, accordingly, any decisions of this kind are null and void for Russia in terms of law," Peskov said, according to Russian state media outlet TASS. "That is, in fact, the only thing I would and could tell you about this decision."

The ICC announced the arrest warrant for Putin, which is the first from the court pertaining to the war in Ukraine, and accused him of being responsible for the thousands of children who have been forcibly deported to Russia, where they've undergone political reeducation training.

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