

Putin lands in UAE for rare foreign trip

Russian President Vladimir Putin is making a rare trip abroad to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and is also scheduled to travel to Saudi Arabia.

Mr Putin is expected to discuss the wars in Gaza and Ukraine, as well as oil production, with the UAE president.

The UAE is currently hosting the COP28 UN climate summit, but the Kremlin has not said whether Mr Putin will attend.

He has barely left Russia since March, when the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued him an arrest warrant.

The ICC has accused him of illegally deporting Ukrainian children to Russia – a war crime – but neither the UAE nor Saudi Arabia recognise the court's jurisdiction.

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