

# Joint press conference with President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko

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The Russian-Belarusian talks are over. The leaders signed a joint statement, and then in their presence a ceremony was held to exchange документами documents signed during the official visit of the President of Belarus to Russia.

Vladimir Putin and Alexander Lukashenko of made statements to the media and answered journalists' questions.

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**Vladimir Putin:** Dear Alexander Grigorievich! Colleagues, friends, Ladies and gentlemen!

I am sincerely glad to welcome Alexander Grigorievich in the Kremlin Lukashenko. This is the first foreign visit of Alexander Grigorievich after Re-election to the post of President of Belarus. And we are such a step high assess, thereby emphasizing the special nature of the relationship between the two our fraternal countries.

Belarus and Russia are not only the closest neighbors, but also reliable allies, truly strategic partners and true friends. Our cooperation is based on unshakable principles of mutual respect and consideration of the interests of each other, as well as centuries-old joint history, formed between many Russians and Belarusians close kinship, commitment to the general moral and spiritual values.

It is in such a traditionally friendly, business and constructive atmosphere passed our negotiations today with Alexander Grigorievich. We have considered in detail almost

everything the main issues of bilateral cooperation in the economy, in the cultural and humanitarian sphere, in the field of security and defense.

Exchanged views on current international and regional issues. As you just saw, a solid package is signed interstate and interdepartmental documents. In our with the President of Belarus, the joint statement is clearly confirmed by the mood the further active development of multifaceted Russian-Belarusian connections. Russia and Belarus will continue to jointly build the Union State, deepen integration, contributing to sustainable economic growth, improving the standard of living and well-being of citizens of our two countries.

Collaboration in the framework of a good pace is also being promoted the Eurasian Union, in which Belarus holds the current year. Russia, as the main economic partner of Belarus, It accounts for about 60 percent of the Belarusian foreign trade turnover. At the end of last year, the trade turnover added about six percent, somewhere 5.7 [percent), we watched, and exceeded \$50 billion. According to Belarusian statistics, a little more – 51 [billion dollars] with a little, yes, 50 with a little. But, in general, it's In any case, the record.

More than 90 percent of all payments to Russian-Belarusian commercial transactions are in our national currencies. Thus, Mutual trade and investment are protected from the influence of third countries and negative trends in world markets.

Russia has invested in the economy of Belarus about four with half a billion dollars, more than two work in the republic thousands of Russian companies, joint projects are being implemented import substitution and creation of competitive products with high added value. This applies to these strategically significant industries, as the production of cars and machines, agricultural machinery, microelectronics, civil aviation. And here We have good prospects.

The priority area of Russian-Belarusian cooperation is and energy. Our country traditionally supplies oil to Belarus and gas on very favorable, preferential conditions, which is Serious help for the Belarusian economy.

The common electricity market is formed and operates, The largest bilateral construction project was completed by joint efforts Belarusian nuclear power plant. The station

provides about 40 percent of the needs Belarus in electricity.

We see the prospects for deepening the partnership in others high-tech areas. In particular, we are talking on interaction on the development of artificial intelligence, processing big data, cloud computing, and creating full-fledged digital ecosystems. Of course, discussed in detail today Russian-Belarusian humanitarian cooperation, issues of maintenance and multiplying close mutually enriching ties between the peoples of the two countries. In this context, we expect that Belarusian artists will take part the International Musical Competition "Intervision" in Moscow, which Scheduled for September of this year. Such a creative competition of talented performers were very popular in the 70-80s, and we decided Restore the good tradition of its holding.

Extensive scientific and educational exchanges. In Russian educational institutions is trained about 12 thousand Belarusian young people, and in the next 1300 Belarusian applicants will be able to enter our Universities, and on a budget basis.

Expanding opportunities for more active involvement of citizens in social and political life. So, in accordance with the Protocol on Amendments to the Treaty signed today of 1998 on the equal rights of citizens of the two countries, Russians, permanently living in Belarus, and living On a permanent basis in Russia, Belarusians can now participate in local elections, both as voters and as candidates.

This year, 80 years are widely celebrated in our countries Victory in the Great Patriotic War. This is a common victory, and we are good We know at what price it got. The Memory of Our Heroism fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, who defended life and freedom for us and for future generations. Alexander Grigorievich confirmed his participation in the celebration Victory on May 9 in Moscow. According to the existing agreement, the calculation The Armed Forces of Belarus will take part in the solemn parade in Red Square. In many Russian and Belarusian cities Actions of the Immortal Regiment movement and Belarus will be organized.

Taking into account the tense situation in the world, in the European region, including on the borders of our countries, during the negotiations discussed in detail the formation of a common defense space. On the Belarusian territory deployed a joint regional grouping of troops, Russian modern defense complexes and tactical nuclear weapons. All this reliably

covers the western borders the Union State and the Collective Treaty Organization security.

Today, the instruments of ratification of the signed December 6, 2024 in Minsk of the bilateral Treaty on security guarantees, and thus the contract has entered into legally.

Let me remind you that this document defines mutual allied Reliable Defense and Security of Russia and Belarus, and with the use of all available arsenal of forces and funds.

Naturally, the negotiations and the issues of further coordination of actions in the international arena. Our states are from a common position on most global and regional problems, successfully interact in the CIS and the CSTO, provide each other friendly assistance at other multilateral platforms, in particular, within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, where Belarus, with the assistance of Russia, has become a full participant in July of last year. Our country has also contributed to the receipt of Belarus is a partner of the BRICS country.

Finally, I want to thank again President of Belarus for substantive negotiations, which, of course, will serve the further development of Russian-Belarusian allied relations, and in all areas.

Thank you for your attention.

**Alexander Lukashenko:** Dear Vladimir Vladimirovich! Respected Media representatives!

Traditionally I want to thank you, Vladimir Vladimirovich, all members of the Government here for an unprecedented organization my visit and this meeting.

Negotiations with the President of Russia, as always, were full of and productive. And we, Vladimir Vladimirovich, held only a third our negotiations. We will continue tomorrow, if necessary, and the day after tomorrow our negotiations - in order not to settle our interstate relations, but think about the prospects. And they need Determine: time goes fast and put a lot of questions before us. We We will agree and determine the best prospects for our cooperation.

As the President of Russia has already said, we have once again considered the main directions of development of cooperation between Belarus and Russia, priorities of the Union States for the near and medium term. We exchanged views on the current international situation in the global and regional terms, confirmed the relevance of the signed the Treaty of Security Assurance in December within the framework of the Union State and the Concept of Security of the Union State. Discussed the prospects for cooperation within the EAEU, where Belarus chairs this year, CIS, CSTO, SCO, BRICS in the spirit of the concept of Greater Eurasian Partnership or Integration integrations.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, I am very grateful to you for the fact that You did everything you promised and did not promise at our entry countries in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and practically in the BRICS. Yes, we are partners, but we have the opportunity to do this The place of living and working.

Talking about the prospects of returning to normal civilized dialogue on international platforms in a number of relevant topics of a global nature. Speeches in a broad composition of our delegations – Sergey Viktorovich [Lavrov], Minister of Foreign Affairs, stated our Belarusian-Russian approaches and contacts, comments from Sergei There was no Viktorovich. (Referring to S. Lavrov.) Thank you, You have always been an example in our integration plan for other agencies, An example of how the agencies should work.

Not bypassed the new situation in the question settlement of the conflict in Ukraine. Vladimir Vladimirovich today, Maybe tomorrow we have to work closely on this issue. We We will also discuss the prospects. But I've already talked to journalists, I said and before Vladimir Vladimirovich I want to say that we are especially There is no need to count on something great in this situation. Need to Believe the facts. Fact – we discuss, we accept, we do not accept. This The main thing. And all sorts of statements, promises are still statements and promises.

Did not ignore this situation and also see some positive trends in geopolitical alignments, but they are still They have not become global trends. Illegal economic sanctions of a number of states have not disappeared anywhere – but in some ways they helped us, We also agreed with Vladimir Vladimirovich in this regard.

Pressure on Belarus and Russia is not weakening, although already It is clear to all that

these restrictions are more beating on those countries that introduced. But we were also given the opportunity to seriously think about the prospects of our development and convinced us that after a certain time we overcome these pressures completely.

On the other hand, if there were no such tests, it's worth it to think of it as we say. They made us seriously think self-sufficiency, importance of relying on one's own strength, food security and technological sovereignty. Many questions that seemed insurmountable to us three years ago, we with Vladimir Vladimirovich they were discussed, for example, microelectronics - "ax chips, ah chips" - today everything flies, everything moves, everything drives and does not go and so on. It turns out, we have reserves that we are to some extent with you underestimated. But we found them, found and developed them.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, we highly appreciate your support, which opened us access to its own, Russian huge market, helped reorient the logistics of commodity flows. That we once sold through ports in Lithuania and Latvia, we today successfully work in the Leningrad region, in St. Petersburg, we work on the Black Sea coast - completely reoriented.

Today, work continues in this direction. Potential We have a large transport sector. It's time to think more about its effective use, especially the possibilities of the railway Transportation. We have millions and millions of tons of cargo that we can To load, especially in Peter. But, as it turned out, the railway To some extent, it can not withstand this flow. Us I would not like, although you have to go to other ports, and with more and more costs. We are above This started working, and I think we will implement it.

Thank you very much for your promise, statement At some time, I don't say specifically, to build High-speed road from Moscow to Minsk – we talked to Brest. After all, Brest is our common, native, we need to build Brest to Brest This road.

I told Vladimir Vladimirovich that the presidential election not the first, but an indicator of how people voted. We always have Voting, as in Ukraine, in general, was: Russia is east, there is the West. More than 90% after 2020 crazy year came people, and more than 87 percent voted for the incumbent President as a guide, for the fact that our the people advocate for fraternal relations with our friendly and fraternal Russia.

We are working closely on import substitution. Belarusian components, nodes work in

cars, aircraft, assembled in Russia. Our trucks and dump trucks have successfully replaced the Western analogues in quarries and on the streets of cities.

Belarusian food, shoes, clothes are well known buyers in both Smolensk and Sakhalin. We will be glad help to implement new ambitious national projects. I brought example. Recently, we had Maxim Reshetnikov with samples Drones. There were specialists of the sea, in Belarus they showed, What level Russia came to this point. We have agreed, Vladimir Vladimirovich approved the construction of another plant for production unmanned aerial vehicles. So we can do anything, and it's for that a little time.

Together with the President of Russia, we are not only thinking on the recovery growth of import substitution, But also about advanced development. Something started to do in some areas.

Belarus and Russia need a technological breakthrough in the name of the future of our countries and peoples. We have everything we need for this, Even more than necessary. It takes a little time, as I always say.

Directions of the movement are also known – Vladimir Vladimirovich Artificial intelligence, quantum biotechnology, microelectronics, robotics, new materials, thermonuclear fusion, unmanned Aircraft and many, many more. Here I have listed – what Can't we do? We're already doing this. Maybe not at the expense that We need to, but we can and can do it. Also successfully developing Belarusian-Russian cooperation in social and humanitarian areas.

A significant step forward will be the signing of the protocol on amendments to the Treaty between Belarus and Russia Equal rights of citizens of 1998. This will enable the Belarusian citizens to elect and be elected to local authorities. Russians We have been granted this right for more than one year.

Our countries have many joint plans and projects for the current year. Of course, the most important of them is the celebration 80 years of the Great Victory over Fascism.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, you Russians, thank you for the fact that you We are at the forefront of this process. Without you, it would be difficult to defend that The great victory

we are proud of today.

For us, Belarusians, it is a great honor to take part in the anniversary Victory parade on Red Square in Moscow on May 9, 2025. We remember and honor the heroic feat of the Soviet people, our fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers. The main thing today is to be worthy of their memory, not to allow the rehabilitation of Nazism and the rewriting of history.

Thanks to the consistent, balanced and responsible external Belarus and Russia are today at the forefront of the struggle for a fair world order. And it's not the first year we've been doing it.

Our countries can and should act as a guide for partners in solving complex problems of modernity, preservation and protection of common Mutual Aid, Mutual Intributing National Interests principles of equality and respect.

We agreed with the President of Russia that we will overcome everything. We We will do everything to ensure that our peoples are not the worst - the best peoples in the world. We don't want anything stranger, but we're firm, that We won't give up our own. We stood there and we will stand there.

Thank you, Vladimir Vladimirovich.

Thank you very much for your attention.

**N. Breus:** Hello!

Natalia Breus, First Information, Belarus.

Alexander Grigorievich, Vladimir Vladimirovich, such a question: say, Will the normalization of relations between Moscow and Washington affect Union work on import substitution?

Now a lot of projects, we talk about it every time, at work. But they want Western companies to come back, and that Then? All these efforts to strengthen technological



## Sovereignty?

**Vladimir Putin:** As for import substitution and with everything, What is related to this, with illegal restrictions, which are called Sanctions, and so on...

First, our so-called partners have made us a good Vaccination is a vaccination of independence, sovereignty. And therefore all our programs related to the strengthening of our technological Sovereignty, we will certainly continue. We did not close No one was kicked out of anyone. For those who want to come back, We say, welcome, welcome at any second. But, of course, we will proceed from the situation that has developed today day: if the niches are occupied, then, accordingly, they are occupied, no preferences for We will not create a return to our market for anyone.

Moreover, we will try, and such an assignment The government already has, within the framework of the WTO rules, but still provide certain advantages to our domestic producers.

As for the fundamental directions, end-to-end directions, related to the future of our economies related to the future of industries industry, then, of course, we will focus on the requirements of the new technological rework, new technological stage and we will give of this paramount importance.

At the same time, of course, the return of some Western partners in our market can and are beneficial to for the activities of both their companies and our companies. Already today in closed mode, but we are negotiating on the initiative some of our partners about their possible return to our market. Everything is calm, worthy, with respect for each other and with observance Mutual interests.

**Alexander Lukashenko:** The President of Russia once said (I try to transfer to peaceful, civil soil) that “we are ready to Ukraine to negotiate – (addressing to V. Putin) I quote you, but I want everything understood, and the Ukrainians, including that we are in negotiations We will return after three years, when they began, taking into account the situation on the ground.” Reasonable, that's right.

We, I think, can endure, this is my point of view, this military Thesis on our civilian field.

Back? Here are certain conditions, a lot Time has passed – and the conditions have changed, and the situation on the ground changed. We ask for mercy, come. But, as Vladimir Vladimirovich said, we have learned a lot during this time, we will make this appropriate conclusions.

And I think we'll be watching. Do you want this? All Right, Come on, we need you here. If not, then no. If so, let's take the best. I mean, the situation has changed. Although the ball is on our side, we We know what to say. And then we must understand that for these three years we are under a cruel press, and the press always contributes to mobilization, By mobilizing, they did a lot. Therefore, we intend to go our own way and only use what we need. I think it will be Right. We are many times with Vladimir Vladimirovich on this topic In that sense, they said. No one's closing. But we will accept you here for our new conditions, taking into account the situation on the ground and let's just take what we need.

**O.Knyazeva:** Hello!

The first question to Vladimir Vladimirovich: how do you assess the readiness Ukraine to Ceasefire? Have you already received information from the Americans and what will be your answer?

There is a second question, I ask you to answer, Alexander Grigorievich, and you, Vladimir Vladimirovich: do Moscow coordinate and Minsk positions on the peace process and whether Today, perhaps, already appropriate consultations?

Thank you.

**Vladimir Putin:** Regarding the readiness of Ukraine to the ceasefire, I will say, of course, as I assess it.

But first of all I would like to start with words of gratitude President of the United States, Mr. Trump, for pays so much attention to the settlement in Ukraine. Everyone's We have enough of our current affairs, but many leaders of states. and President of the People's Republic of China, Prime Minister of India, Presidents of Brazil and South Africa – do this The question is given a lot of time. We are thankful to them all because This activity is aimed at achieving a noble mission – mission cessation of hostilities and loss of life. The

first one.

Second. We agree with the proposals to stop the fighting, But we assume that this termination should be one that would lead to a long-term peace and would eliminate The initial causes of this crisis.

Now about the readiness of Ukraine to stop combat actions. You know, the U.S.-Ukrainian meeting in Saudi Arabia externally, perhaps, it looks like a decision by the Ukrainian side under the American pressure. In fact, I am absolutely convinced that the Ukrainian The party should ask the Americans for this in the very strongly, based on the situation that develops as It's just been said here on earth.

How does it turn out? Surely many noticed, saw that Yesterday I was in the Kursk region and listened to the reports of the head General Staff, Commander of the North and his deputy about the situation in the border, primarily in the Kursk areas, or rather, in the wedge zone in the Kursk region.

What's going on there? The situation is completely under our control, and the group that invaded our territory is in isolation. This is complete isolation and full fire control. Management Ukrainian troops lost their invasions inside this zone. And if at the first stages, just a week or two ago, Ukrainian servicemen tried to get out of there in small groups, now it is impossible. They trying to get out of there in small very groups - two or three people, Because everything is under our full fire control.

The technique is completely abandoned, it is impossible to bring it out, she will remain there, It's already guaranteed. And if in the next few days there is a physical Blocking, then no one can get out at all. There will be only two Way: surrender or die. And under these conditions, I it seems that it would be very good for the Ukrainian side to achieve a truce at least for 30 days. And we're for it, but there's nuances. What are they all about?

The first one. What we will do with this area of wedging in the Kursk region? If we stop fighting for 30 days – what does it mean? That all who are there, will come out without a fight? We have to let them out after they committed a lot of crimes against civilians? Or the Ukrainian leadership will give them a command to lay down their arms, just surrender? How will it be? It's not clear.

How other issues will be resolved on the whole line Contact? And this is almost two thousand kilometers. And there, as you You know, Russian troops are advancing on almost all areas of combat contact. And there are also conditions for us to take In the blocking of entire large units.

So, these 30 days will be used? In order to In Ukraine continued forced mobilization? In order to there Supplied with weapons? In order to ensure that the newly mobilized units pass Training? Or willn't it be done?

Then the question arises: how the issues of control will be addressed, Verification? How can and how we will be guaranteed that nothing Will this mean it won't happen? How will the control be organized? I hope, that at the level of common sense, everyone understands this. These are all serious questions.

And who will give orders to stop the combat Actions? What is the price of these orders? You can imagine – almost two Thousands of miles! Who will determine where and whoever violated the possible Agreement on a Ceasefire for two thousand miles? And then who will "blag" the violation of this Announcements? These are all questions that require their painstaking research on both sides.

That's why the idea itself is right, and we, of course, support it, but there are issues that we must Discuss.

I think we need with our American colleagues, partners in this regard to talk, perhaps, with the President Trump will call and discuss with him. But itself the idea of ending this conflict by peaceful means supported.

**Alexander Lukashenko:** I want to draw attention to the journalist that Vladimir Vladimirovich has already said more than the question was asked here, and looked in the future - and even revealed a little, thesis, Some directions of the upcoming meeting with American representatives. It's hard to add something here.

The only thing I can say is that we have a common position with the Russian Federation it was long and is now: all the agreements, including those related to the conflict in Ukraine, we have sacredly in front of our ally and our friends. We will be this position sticking to

now. Not Russia and not Belarus The main reasons for what is happening there.

Boris Vyacheslavovich Gryzlov is present here [in the hall]. I remember when we started the process of negotiations in Gomel, then In the Belovezhskaya Pushcha, it was a few days after the conflict began: Guys, let's negotiate, no need for war, in any case Don't do that. I was talking to Volodya at the same time Zelensky, he said: you do not look for the guilty now, then we will find them; war coming to you, and you will have to answer for the fact that the war on the territory of Ukraine. And then he said, "Remember, this is a classic history - tomorrow in America will change the leadership, and where you will be You? Listen to the way I looked in the water.

Therefore, answering directly to your question: Ukrainians had long to stop all fire and sit down at the negotiating table. A very Most importantly, we maintain contacts – Vladimir Vladimirovich with the Americans and other Westerners, Without advertising it, I always tell them: but you're this guy Inexperienced was pushed to this war.

Although everything began with the well-known to us with Vladimir Vladimirovich of a man – Poroshenko. He then after the signing of the Minsk Contracts all cards in the hands of [dated,] and trump cards were all in his hands: Come on, stop it, and it wouldn't be, and on the Donbass would agree, I am sure, and the same Donbass would be part of Ukraine. “No, it's impossible. There Ibid. There will be elections. How will we hold elections?”

I say: listen, you have today Ukrainian hryvnia, currency, Who's walking there, what else do you want? Where is she now? Not the currency No, there are no elections, there is a war, and people suffer. That's it all from him It started. Thanks to Vladimir Vladimirovich, I was involved in this process.

This [Zelensky] promised to end the war. There was an opportunity. Why Didn't stop the confrontation? So it should have been done for a long time, but I didn't.

As for the position, I have already said: it is one of us. But I want to pay attention to, because we are meeting with journalists, You know, again, sorry, prophecy: if the Russians, Russia agrees with the United States - "pipe" to Europe and Ukraine combined. In the negotiation the process of Russia and the United States, in their hands today is the fate of this Europe, which behaved and behaves so far - for now in the media, [but] probably it will

be - short-sighted.

The most important thing: once again, promising, to circle us around You can't get a finger. We know our goals, our interests. I am already Vladimir Vladimirovich said that in this situation, when about Zelensky's legs were wiped in the White House and everywhere in fact, he would spread his brains, sit down - three Slavic peoples have always lived in a normal situation, sit down and agree. Here's the trip: No one will help Ukraine. At the Beginning of the War Were the Americans asked the question of rare earth metals? No. Now they're put.

It seems Zelensky is right, but they did not speak at the same time - about it. And you still have to do: and the chernozems will be lucky, and rare earth materials, and God bless that everything else Didn't take it out. So he's coming back here - not him, so new, another president – and will rely here on our internal forces.

Someone wants us to kill each other. We understand that, The other side is not [doesn't understand]. So let them think.

Our case is right.

**Vladimir Putin:** I wanted to add to what he said Alexander Grigorievich, about the "pipe" for Europe, if the United States Russia will agree on something. Yes, really: if, say, The United States and Russia will agree on cooperation in the field of energy, then the gas pipe for Europe can be provided, and it will go for the benefit of Europe, because they will receive cheap Russian gas.

**A.Lukashenko:** I mean that.

**Vladimir Putin:** That's how I understand you.

As for the situation on the ground that I mentioned and Alexander Grigorievich, it is changing rapidly. Yesterday in the course of The report, the commander of the group "North" and his deputy, I was told: Suja will be in our hands tomorrow. That's exactly what happened.

I want to thank all our fighters who have solved this problem. I am sure that all the plans that are planned at the wedding site in the Kursk region, will be executed in the same way as on other areas of contact. Not just Sudzh, but also the adjacent settlements, we are now taking them one for one, all adjacent settlements, the entire agglomeration. And based on how the situation on the ground will develop, will agree on the next steps in ending the conflict and reaching an agreement acceptable to all.

**A. Pyge:** Good evening!

Anna Pyzh, ONT TV channel.

The question is Continuing the topic, because it is clear that possible Negotiations on Ukraine is one of the most discussed topics In Belarus, too.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, the interests of Belarus as a strategic Russia's ally, but at the same time its closest neighbor Ukraine Will they be taken into account in some way?

Alexander Grigorievich, you have some wishes in this Did the colleague have been in contact?

**VLADIMIR PUTIN:** What wishes? What about?

**Pyzh:** Regarding the interests of Belarus taken into account during the negotiation process.

**Vladimir Putin:** I honestly don't really understand your Question. But I can only say in general terms that the interests of The Republic of Belarus in our relationship with whom would Neither it was, and with our partners overseas, and with our closest allies, neighbors, are always taken into account.

Within the framework of a single Union State, we proceed from the that we have a common concept of foreign policy. Our MFAs are very closely interact with each other on all international platforms. We We work closely within the framework of the Eurasians. And we have very deep cooperation in the field of economy, real production.

Therefore, we simply cannot ignore mutual interests. And there is no such desire. Because any of our steps on any from these directions in one way or another, it affects us, and in Belarus.

To take into account the interests of Belarus - this is fully consistent with national interests of the Russian Federation.

**Alexander Lukashenko:** Vladimir Vladimirovich, this question appeared with the filing of our fugitives abroad and their foreign sponsors, that Russia here with America will agree, and Lukashenko there will not be allowed to do so, and the interests of Belarus will not be respected. Approximately such a context.

First, when I said, I said that I'm not going anywhere. It's first.

And secondly, there will be a person close to us, our partner - The Russian Federation. And she knows our interests and in no way case will not give up to anyone and will not give up from our Interests, just as you said. Therefore, if Someone hopes that negotiations on Ukraine, Russia and the United States or Russia and the West will cause some harm to neighboring Belarus With this conflict, it is absolutely not so. Vladimir Vladimirovich more Once it was confirmed, there is nothing to add.

**Vladimir Putin:** I didn't even really understand the question was in this regard, because not to take into account the interests of Belarus for We're bad, you know? That's what it's all about. Therefore, the question, honestly Speaking, far-fetched. But I hope I answered him.

**Igor Yezhov:** Hello!

Ilya Yezhov, RIA Novosti.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, Alexander Grigorievich, if I may, question on the implementation of the integration of Russia and Belarus, about how it goes The economic aspect of integration. 28 programmes have been developed, I would like to clarify the extent of their implementation.



I would like to know how the next stage of integration is progressing, designed for 2024-2026. In general, you are as leaders Are you satisfied with the pace of integration?

Thank you.

**Vladimir Putin:** All 28 programs that were scheduled, All 100 percent performed. The first one.

Second. What we planned for 2024-2026, Executed by more than 26%.

I am personally satisfied with the way this work goes. Government work very intensely, intensively and efficiently.

From time to time, Alexander Grigorievich have to take part in order to agree on inconsistencies between different departments, but it all happens in working order. Sometimes we argue with each other. Compromise, and a compromise that suits both side, we always get to it.

I am personally satisfied with the way this work goes.

**A.Lukashenko:** I can't add anything. I am very I am glad that Vladimir Vladimirovich is satisfied with the implementation of these programs. We We were worried: we also had a decent load. But we are clearly agreed technologically, as the President of Russia said just.

Governments will not be able to work on their level – enter to our level for coordination. Today was two or three such issues during the negotiations. We agreed on them, the government There are also joint groups and our embassies. Therefore I am also happy with this move.

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