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IMPACT

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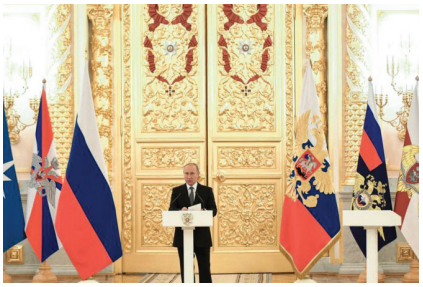

Are 'Putin's Billions' a Myth?
May 14, 2019

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Ivan Danilov
RIA Novosti columnist

MISLEADING
Debates over the value of Putin's wealth continue.

"Despite Aslund's (and many of his colleagues') rock-solid belief that there must be the mythical 'Putin's billions' in the West, American (and not only American) intelligence agencies, which have full access to all financial transactions in the U.S., UK, the European Union and offshore jurisdictions in the Western world, could not find anything."

Source: Ria Novosti news agency, May 10, 2019

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Nuclear Race Defines Russia's Military Doctrine
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Anatoly Antonov
Russia's Ambassador to the United States

FALSE
Russian military doctrine allows for a first-use of nuclear weapons

"There is no first strike concept in the Russian [military] doctrine. There is a clear reference in our doctrine when and under which circumstances we can use our nuclear weapons: when there is an attack on the Russian Federation, when there is a threat for the existence of the Russian Federation as well as our allies."

Source: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, March 11

Russia's declared military doctrine permits a nuclear response to a conventional attack. But a rapidly expanding nuclear arsenal determines the real military doctrine.

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