
PUTIN CLAIMS RUSSIA-CHINA TIES AT RECORD HIGH DURING BEIJING VISIT

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Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping signed a joint statement on cooperation in Beijing on Wednesday, according to state media.

The statement, which aims at "further enhancing" strategic coordination between the two nations and deepening "good-neighborliness and friendly cooperation," was signed alongside a number of other agreements covering areas such as technology and trade.

The leaders, who also attended the opening ceremony of a new joint education initiative, are meeting just days after US President Donald Trump wrapped up his own highly-publicised but largely underwhelming trip to Beijing, departing China on Friday without appearing to have made any major progress on trade, Ukraine, or his war with Iran.

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