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## Biden Blames “Putin and His Thugs” for Navalny’s Death

President Joe Biden blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin for the death of Russian political dissident Alexei Navalny.

Biden [spoke of Navalny’s death, saying](#), “We don’t know exactly what happened, but there is no doubt that the death of Navalny was a consequence of something that Putin and his thugs did,” and said of a U.S. response, “We’re looking at a whole number of options, that’s all I’ll say right now.”

Vice President [Kamala Harris blamed Putin, saying](#), “My prayers are with his family including his wife Yulia who is with us today, and if confirmed this would be a further sign of Putin’s brutality. Whatever story they tell, let us be clear, Russia is responsible, and we’ll have more to say on this later.”

Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) [accused former President Donald Trump of appeasing Putin, saying on X](#), “More blood on Putin’s hands with the tragic death of Aleksei Navalny in prison, all for the ‘crime’ of wanting a free Russia. Why do Trump and his congressional enablers want to further appease this Russian tyrant?”



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