



Illarionov: Putin uses Lukashenka to offer Obama a deal

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The president of Russia is looking for ways to induce Barack Obama to divide the spheres of influence, similar to what Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill did.

The main aim of Russian president Vladimir Putin at the current stage of the Ukrainian conflict is to involve US president Barack Obama into it and persuade him to make a deal on the division of the spheres of influence, as Stalin Roosevelt and Churchill did.

It was said by Andrey Illarionov, a former advisor to Putin and senior fellow at the Cato Institute (Washington), Ukrinform reports.

“This is what Putin wants. He constantly says it's wrong that the US is not involved. Moreover, Putin used Aliaksandr Lukashenka as a mouthpiece to say clearly that the US should be involved in the talks on the Ukrainian situation,” Illarionov stressed.

According to him, such signals can be seen everywhere. “Even at a recent 'Crimea is ours' demonstration in Moscow, people had to hold portraits of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin with the text 'Obama, they were smarter',” the expert notes.

Illarionov says he sees “hints that the repeat of the 'big deal' between the US and Russian leaders can and must take place”. The expert is sure that it is the main message of Putin.

In this regard, Putin has to “draw attention to himself and send signals, saying that even he has less resources he uses them more efficiently and that he is ready to provoke much more indignation than anyone else”, the former advisor to the Russian president thinks.