

# **The 2023 Belgorod Oblast incursions: an analysis of Putin's response to an ongoing crisis**

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## **Abstract:**

*This paper provides an analysis of the events in the Belgorod region of Russia, which commenced in 2023 and have had lasting consequences. Based on these occurrences, I will analyse Russian President Vladimir Putin's speech strategy in response to the crisis, which was a belated reaction, suggesting a deficiency in crisis management strategy. Simultaneously, this delay may indicate an issue with the president's ability to control internal disagreements that have escalated rapidly.*

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