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Gorbachev to Skip Prague Security Conference Due to Health Issues

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Former USSR President Mikhail Gorbachev will skip the September Prague security conference due to health problems.

MOSCOW (Sputnik) — Health problems prevent former USSR President [Mikhail Gorbachev](#) from attending the upcoming September Prague security conference, one of the conference organizers Milan Syrucek said Wednesday.

"Unfortunately, due to his health conditions, Mikhail Sergeevich [Gorbachev] will not be able to come to Prague to participate in the conference, which his foundation helped organize. As we were told, early in the morning today Gorbachev had a health crisis, the doctors were invited, who forbade him from leaving Moscow for a few weeks," Syrucek told RIA Novosti.

Gorbachev was supposed to give an opening speech and meet with President of Czech Republic Milos Zeman during the international conference on post-Cold War European security on September 16-18. According to Syrucek, the recording of Gorbachev will be shown, after which he will appear via video-conference.



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The conference will bring together political science researchers, journalists, scientists and politicians who had influenced Europe in the recent past.

Syrucek, who is a Czech journalist, plans to present his book about Mikhail Gorbachev's role in preventing massacre during the Czech revolution of 1989 at the conference.

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