

U.S. and Russia Summit announced for Helsinki on July 16



Washington, June 28 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin will meet on July 16 in Helsinki, the Kremlin and the White House announced on Thursday.

This is the first official summit between the two heads of state although Trump and Putin have met twice before on the sidelines of international gatherings.

Details of the summit were announced simultaneously a day after a deal on holding the meeting was reached at the conclusion of a visit to Moscow on Wednesday by U.S. national security adviser John Bolton.

"The two leaders will discuss relations between the United States and Russia and a range of national security issues," the White House said in a statement.

After Trump and Putin met briefly in Vietnam in November 2017, Trump was criticized in the United States for saying he believed Putin when the Russian president denied accusations that Russia meddled in the 2016 election.

In a Twitter post on Thursday before the Helsinki meeting was announced, Trump again talked about the matter. "Russia continues to say they had nothing to do with Meddling in our Election!" he wrote.

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