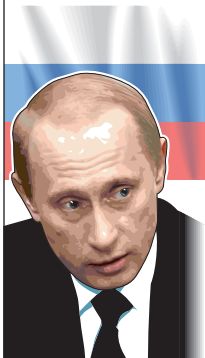


Key issues at Tokyo summit

The shadow of a 60-year-old territorial dispute between Russia and Japan which has prevented the two nations from signing a formal peace treaty is likely to loom large during Vladimir Putin's three-day visit to Tokyo



► **Kuril Islands dispute:** Over four islands seized from Japan by Russia at the end of World War Two in 1945

► **Oil pipelines:** Japan wants Russia to build pipeline to Pacific coast, from where oil could be shipped to Japan – Beijing wants route to northern China

► **Other key issues:** North Korea's nuclear programme, Russia's hosting of G8 and accession to WTO, Japan's bid for seat on UN Security Council

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