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'Confused' Ukrainians to meet backers ahead of Putin-Trump summit – Axios

The emergency gathering in London this weekend is reportedly meant to let the parties “reach common positions”



Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky and senior EU and NATO officials, The Hague, Netherlands, June 24, 2025. © Omar Havana / Getty Images

The United Kingdom will host an emergency meeting of senior officials from the United States, Ukraine and several European nations backing Ukraine this weekend in an effort to “reach common positions” ahead of a planned Russia-US top-level summit, Axios has reported.

US President Donald Trump has [announced](#) he will meet his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in person next Friday in Alaska. According to Axios, Ukrainian and European officials requested the gathering during a conference call on Friday so that they could “reach common positions” ahead of next week’s talks.

A possible diplomatic breakthrough emerged following a visit to Moscow on Wednesday by Trump’s special envoy, Steve Witkoff. The outlet reported that Witkoff’s subsequent briefings on the proposed agreement left some parties with conflicting impressions, and officials in Kiev are “confused” about the specifics.

Trump has said the plan involves a form of land swap and that Ukraine’s Vladimir Zelensky would need to find a way to approve it. Officials in Kiev have repeatedly stated that the

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Ukrainian Constitution prohibits the ceding of territory.



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The same basic law also requires a president to transfer power at the end of their term to either a newly elected successor or the parliamentary speaker. Zelensky did neither when his term expired last year, a fact Russia has cited in questioning the legality of any treaty he might sign.

Kiev's European backers have voiced growing concern that their positions could be sidelined in US-Russia negotiations. Such warnings have recently come from former British Defense Secretary Ben Wallace, a strong supporter of Ukraine, and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, a prominent critic of the Western approach.

Moscow has accused European NATO nations sending weapons to Ukraine of undermining peace efforts by encouraging Kiev to prolong a fight it cannot win. This week, Zelensky acknowledged that his country cannot take the Russian territories it claims by force.

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EU and UK are in panic.

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A land *swap*? Have to admit, I didn't see that coming. The Ukes must cede the five former regions, but what part of Russia might be given to Kiev? Some slice of the Arctic, maybe?

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The coalition of Losers... trying to stay/get relevant

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Just look at those scumbags and psychopaths. They only deserve the hanging rope.

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Will they leave in a puff of smoke?

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They will turn into pumpkins at midnight 🎃👤🎃

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Nishantha priyadarshana 8/9/2025 at 12:16 PM 1

US politicians still believe they are the best in the world.

The truth is, nobody cares about the US anymore. Trump thinks he can bully his way through international relations, but he has now encountered real leaders who are not intimidated. Leaders like Putin, Xi Jinping, Modi, and Lula don't care about his tactics. Time to bow down Trump.

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G **GeorgeBMac** 8/9/2025 at 12:23 PM 3

Trump's main opponents in seeking peace are US and European War Hawks determined to keep their war alive

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The BBC reports that Zelensky will not surrender any territory to Russia and that it will not honor any peace deal made by Trump and Putin. That creates a dilemma — but a dilemma that can be quickly and easily resolved. Trump must remove the primary obstacle to peace. He booted him from the Oval Office. Now he needs to boot him from Kiev — he cannot legally speak for Ukraine anyway.

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E **Eileen Dover** 8/9/2025 at 11:18 AM -1

It is just another side show, a pretend meeting. Donnie and his NATO vassals are all on the same page. Putin knows this. On the other hand, if Putin agreed to meet Trump, it means Russian demands have been agreed upon.

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G **GeorgeBMac** 8/9/2025 at 11:37 AM 0

Sorry, but these war hawks have successfully blocked all efforts at peace. And, NATO sides with them. Not Trump

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p **paul** 8/9/2025 at 12:20 PM 0

Have they lifted sanctions or returned the stolen funds, Have they stopped intel or supplying weapons? Or perhaps moving Nuclear Subs towards Russian shores? I Don't think any Terms have been agreed Dumbo is just angling for the nob head pizza prize

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Павле 8/9/2025 at 10:52 AM 1

Trump push his agenda against BRICS and that is normal as he is a head of US. On one side he is doing everything possible to meet with Mr Putin. On the other side he is

fighting hard against leading members of BRICS cherry picking whom will attack at one moment having in mind any market stress occasions.


We'll see who is better performing very soon.

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 **Garrett Connelly** 8/9/2025 at 11:05 AM [↑](#) **-2**


You utter random nonsense. What is your point?

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BRICS is 50% of world economy. US is 10%. G7 no longer has the clout.

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 **GeorgeBMac** 8/9/2025 at 11:41 AM [↑](#) **1**


That is true. But, Trump is putting pressure on Russia with those attacks. He needs to put pressure on US & European war hawks who created, are perpetuating and escalating this war — which Trump's tariff taxes on Russia's trading partners supports.

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 **Charles Akwa** 8/9/2025 at 12:17 PM [↑](#) **0**

Don't be a blockhead, Trump needs to settle first with Putin by ending the war and then he'll try some Kremlin therapy on how to resolve his BRICSPHOBIA.

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 **Gary Highberger** 8/9/2025 at 10:20 AM **4**


Trump doesn't give a crap about EU UK concerns.

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trump don't give a crap about anybody except himself and whatever he can get away with. Palestine is a fine example of that! they are worse than the Germans in WW2 and Gaza is worse than the Warsaw ghetto, The inmates of Warsaw are now the genocidal guards of the Gaza death camp. Donald supplies "the tools to do the job " as he bragged he would.

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 **Joshuah Jackstonburg** 8/9/2025 at 12:13 PM **0**

Capitulate like loser chump has to.

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La 8/9/2025 at 12:08 PM

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No confusion at all! Peace doesn't work for USA either!
Ukraine with Clown Zelenski can survive only in war Time!
Just think! USA is Creator of the Ukraine Russia conflict,
they invested billions and billions of dollars to destroy
Russia!
Rarely you will find such a uneducated people to do dirty
job for you but against themselves!
To stop the war now when Russia is winner! No way

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ken hunter 8/9/2025 at 11:39 AM

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The Europeans will insist Crimea goes back to Ukraine. The
war goes on until Ukraine vanishes off the face of the earth.
Trump wants peace, Europe wants war.

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It's not up to EU to decide. Quite frankly not Russians nor
Uk either. It's Crimeans themselves to decide what they
truly want.

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Complete panic in Kiev.

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It is interesting that there have been NO REPORTS of Trump
informing Ukraine and its western war hawk puppet masters
of his proposal to Putin. Conversely, Putin just informed Xi,
but from Trump: nothing.

Meanwhile, these war hawks have successfully kept their
war alive. Ignoring them does not seem to be a viable path
to peace. Very simply: just as Trump needs to claim a
personal victory, the war hawks and NATO need to be able
to make the same claim — or their reputation as the biggest,
toughest, meanest guys on the block will suffer — and no
bully can survive that.

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Trump needs to make a peace deal quickly before his Tariff
Taxes on Russia's trading partners collapse — so he can
claim victory. Meanwhile, Putin can promise him anything
because Trump's main goal is always to claim that he won
and to promote himself.

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Lee Van Cleef 8/9/2025 at 10:59 AM

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they will try to derail the peace negotiations.

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Which is what they've been doing since Trump was elected — and quite successfully. Trump has tried to ignore them or placate them. But all that's done is perpetuate the war he is trying to end.

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These war hawks have successfully blocked all peace efforts between Trump and Putin since Trump was elected. And, they have the western media in full propaganda mode preaching their narrative of war and hate to the people of

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