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# Zelensky not invited to Putin-Trump summit – WaPo

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Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky has not been invited to attend next week's summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Donald Trump in the US, the Washington Post has reported, citing an official briefed on the negotiations.

On Friday, Trump announced he would meet Putin on August 15 in Alaska. In the hours after the announcement, several outlets reported that Zelensky might take part in some form, with a senior

White House official telling CBS News the planning was *"still fluid"* and that Zelensky could be involved.

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However, the Washington Post has reported that no invitation has been extended to Zelensky so far. Reuters has also said, citing sources, that the White House is still considering inviting him, but is currently focused on organizing a bilateral meeting, at Russia's request.

Putin has said he will not rule out a meeting with Zelensky, but the Kremlin has stressed that the conditions for such talks have not been met.

Trump has suggested that upcoming negotiations could involve *“some swapping of territories to the betterment of both.”* However, on Saturday, Zelensky rejected any land-swap proposals, citing limitations imposed by Ukraine's constitution.



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