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# Kremlin reveals details of Putin-Trump summit

The Alaska talks will focus on a broad range of issues and will be followed by a joint press conference, Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov has said



FILE PHOTO: Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump. © Kremlin Press Office / Handout / Anadolu Agency / Getty Images

The summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart, Donald Trump, on Friday will focus not only on the Ukraine conflict but on a broader security agenda and involve several top Russian officials, Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov has said.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday, Ushakov said that *“final preparations”* were underway for

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the meeting on Friday, which will take place at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska. Given the short notice for the summit, *“everything is being done in an intensive mode,”* including tackling several technical issues, including visa-related matters, he added.

Ushakov said the summit will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. local time (19:30 GMT) with a one-on-one conversation between Putin and Trump, accompanied by interpreters. *“Then, there will be negotiations in the format of delegations, and these negotiations will continue over a working lunch,”* he said.

The Kremlin aide noted the very high level of the Russian delegation, which he said would include Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Ushakov himself, Defense Minister Andrey Belousov, Finance Minister Anton Siluanov, and Special Presidential Representative for Investment and Economic Cooperation with Foreign Countries Kirill Dmitriev, who has been a key figure in the Ukraine settlement process.

*“In addition to the presidents, five members from each delegation will participate in the negotiations,”* he said, adding that *“of course, a group of experts will also be nearby.”*

Regarding the agenda, it is *“obvious”* that the central issue in the talks will be the Ukraine conflict, Ushakov said, adding, though, that *“broader objectives of ensuring peace and security will also be addressed, as well as current and most acute international and regional issues.”*

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There will also be an exchange of views *“regarding the further development of bilateral cooperation, including in the trade and economic spheres,”* Ushakov noted, adding that



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such ties have *“enormous and, unfortunately, still untapped potential.”*

Ushakov confirmed that Putin and Trump will not only deliver a short opening statement but also hold a joint press conference after the talks. He said the duration of the talks *“would depend on how the discussion goes”* and confirmed *“the delegation will return [to Russia] immediately after the negotiations conclude.”*

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