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Putin hails 'timely and very useful' Alaska summit: Live Updates

The top-level talks brought both sides closer to the "necessary decisions", the Russian president has said



Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump,

Russian President Vladimir Putin has convened a meeting of government and senior officials in Moscow to brief them on the outcome of Friday's Russia-US summit in Alaska.

Putin and his American counterpart Donald Trump welcomed the opportunity to meet face to face, discuss possible roadmaps for peace, while giving

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Trump praises 'warm' meeting with Putin

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little away to the world's media.

Trump reportedly then had a "difficult" call with Vladimir Zelensky, who will shuttle into Washington on Monday, while European NATO states have acknowledged the Alaska summit but pledged to continue arming Ukraine.

The negotiations at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson mainly focused on finding a resolution to the Ukraine conflict. While no concrete deal was announced, the two sides agreed to further pursue a resolution of the hostilities. Putin stressed that for a lasting settlement to the conflict, all of its root causes must be addressed and the legitimate concerns of Russia taken into account.

Trump highlighted that the key takeaway from the meeting is that a promising opportunity to achieve peace has emerged. He also expressed his desire to meet with Putin again soon, noting that the Russian president shares his goal of ending the conflict.

The Russian delegation included Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Defense Minister Andrey Belousov, Finance Minister Anton Siluanov, Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov, and presidential economic envoy Kirill Dmitriev, who has been a key figure in the Ukraine settlement process.

The US team, apart from Trump, included Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, and CIA Director John Ratcliffe.

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The leaders of eight Nordic and Baltic nations have released a joint statement following the Alaska summit blaming the underlying causes of the Ukraine conflict on Russia.

The leaders of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden also demanded that Ukraine not be forced to downsize its military, or be limited in its cooperation with other countries, including regarding its NATO bid. They also insisted that

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Ukraine and Western European nations should be part of the peace process.

“No decisions on Ukraine without Ukraine, and no decisions on Europe without Europe,” they said.

Moscow has long listed among the root causes of the conflict Ukraine’s ambition to join NATO, and the US-led military bloc’s eastward expansion – which Russia sees as an existential threat.

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Zelensky refused to cede to Moscow the parts of the new Russian territories in Donbass still under Ukrainian control when Trump raised the question during a briefing after the summit, Reuters reported, citing anonymous sources.

Following the talks in Anchorage, the US president announced that he would be pursuing a full *“peace agreement”* rather than a *“mere ceasefire”* in the Ukraine conflict. He had floated the idea of *“land swaps”* in the days ahead of the summit.

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Putin and Trump at the Alaska summit have given *“new momentum”* to the efforts to end the Ukraine conflict, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said.

In a post on X, he expressed hope that *“this new process,”* with Zelensky’s participation *“will lay the foundation for lasting peace.”*

“Türkiye is ready to provide all kinds of contributions to the establishment of peace,” he wrote.

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Putin has described the Alaska summit with Trump as *“timely and very useful.”*



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The two leaders discussed *“practically all areas”* of US-Russian interaction, as well as a *“fair”* resolution to the Ukraine crisis, Putin said during a meeting with senior officials in Moscow to review the summit in Anchorage.

“We have not held direct negotiations of this kind at this level for a long time,” he said, adding that the Alaska summit was an opportunity for Moscow to *“calmly state our position in detail.”*

Putin said he had the opportunity to discuss the *“genesis”* and core causes of the Ukraine conflict. *“It is precisely the elimination of these root causes that should be the basis for the settlement.”*



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Following the Alaska summit, Trump believes that the best way to quickly negotiate a

peace treaty in the Ukraine conflict is for Kiev to cede to Moscow all parts of the new Russian territories in Donbass still under Ukrainian control, the New York Times has reported, citing anonymous officials.

The US president raised the issue with Western European allies on Saturday, the outlet said.

"It breaks from a strategy Mr. Trump and European allies, as well as Mr. Zelensky, had agreed to before the US-Russia summit in Alaska," the NYT wrote.

Earlier in the day, the US president said that *"the best way to end the horrific war between Russia and Ukraine is to go directly to a Peace Agreement,"* rather than a *"mere ceasefire."*

In a statement later in the day, Western European leaders ruled out territorial concessions for Ukraine.

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Western European leaders have been invited to the upcoming meeting between Trump and Zelensky, scheduled for Monday, the New York Times has reported, citing officials with knowledge of the private discussions.

Zelensky confirmed on Saturday that he will travel to Washington to meet with the US president, following the summit with Vladimir Putin in Alaska.

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German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has welcomed Trump's efforts to *"achieve a just and lasting peace"* in the Ukraine conflict.

"Ukraine can count on our unwavering solidarity as we work towards a peace that safeguards Ukraine's and Europe's vital security interests," he wrote on X.

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Finnish President Alexander Stubb has thanked Trump for his phone call with Western European leaders following the Alaska summit.

"Strong and credible security guarantees" should be offered to Ukraine as part of any sustainable peace deal, he said on X.

Finland, which borders Russia, joined NATO in 2023, despite Moscow's stance against the US-led military bloc's expansion.

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French President Emmanuel Macron has said that Paris will work with its European allies to provide *"unwavering security guarantees"* for Ukraine in the event of a peace deal.

"I welcome, in this regard, the readiness of the United States to contribute," he said in an X post commenting the Alaska summit.

"We will work on this with them and with all our partners in the Coalition of the Willing, with whom we will meet again soon, to make concrete progress."

13:16 GMT

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has welcomed Trump's peace efforts at the Alaska summit, calling for Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky to be involved in the *"next phase"* of the talks.

He also promised to keep *"tightening the screws"* on the Russian economy in an effort to pressure Moscow, while also pledging to support Ukraine for *"as long as it takes."*

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S Sakher Hayari 8/16/2025 at 8:05 PM **0**

Let us go back to square one and remind ourselves the reasons from Russia's perspective this war broke out. 1. Ukraine wanted to join EU, 2. Ukraine joining Nato, 3. Ukraine had been administrating Russian speaking regions since USSR days which Russia willfully allowed to continue provided their right of self determination is guaranteed by the Ukraine government. Then came in Zelensky with mind set to Join the EU and perhaps NATO. If this war is to stop those same Russian conditions are to be kept but perhaps after all that happened a compensation tab will be added by Russia for the cost of the war.

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 **Space** 8/15/2025 at 12:24 PM **28**

Maybe I'm being naïeve, maybe I'm being too risk-obsessed. But I don't like how the Russian leadership is exposed on American soil. It seems like a really bad idea, not in the least because it opens them up to future direct engagements. Even if nothing bad happens today, that doesn't mean nothing bad happens tomorrow. Guess we'll have to see.

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T Thomas 8/15/2025 at 12:58 PM **12**

You are lucky, you are the one millionth commenter expressing this concern. Maybe there is a bonus payment awaiting you.

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C Carlos thelivingMan 8/15/2025 at 1:06 PM ↑ **1**

(giggle) you're funny Thomas

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Space 8/16/2025 at 1:34 AM ↑ **3**

Juat expressing my feelings. Thanks for the insight though. I feel richer now.

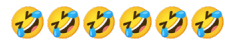
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300WinMag 8/16/2025 at 2:30 AM ↑ **1**

Why wait for the money to come in which could take weeks, just go max out all your credit cards now.

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L Luke Danes 8/15/2025 at 8:58 PM ↑ **6**

if they cant survive the loss of one man, they arent going to survive. putin isnt fighting nato, the whole resistance is albeit some more than others. taking out putin would hurt

the empire more than russia

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Night Wind 8/16/2025 at 6:04 PM ↑

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Unfortunately Americans don't think like that. They seriously believe that the Russian and Chinese people are totally dominated by the will of Putin and Xi and would love nothing more than to see them replaced with Americans. Bush thought that would happen in Iraq just by removing Saddam Hussein and the results are well-known. In American Culture, the people are so submissive to anybody in authority that they assume every other Culture is the same way. The reality is that most of the internal opposition to Putin and Xi come from people who think that their leaders aren't taking a hard enough stand with the US.

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Claude Taillefer 8/15/2025 at 9:22 PM ↑

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Both Presidents taking huge personal risk. Both very courageous men.

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liana sammartino 8/16/2025 at 5:10 AM ↑

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USA wants to end this war BEFORE the surrender of Ukraine.....

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Dion Ross 8/16/2025 at 5:43 AM ↑

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Who cares what Americans won't They are no longer relevant to the world

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Dion Ross 8/16/2025 at 5:42 AM ↑

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There is nothing courageous about trump you are misinformed

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Aquila Rossa 8/15/2025 at 10:50 PM ↑

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Something will be keeping him safe. Something more than words. Perhaps an understanding that moving on Putin would be a declaration of war.

The USA needs to concentrate on digging itself out of the \$37 trillion hole and perpetual deficit it finds itself in. It may be the greatest current threat to their country, because it has the potential to sink them.

The last thing they need is an international incident with potential for nuclear war. We only recently had one of those, so it is fresh in their minds (NATO missiles being used to strike deep into Russia could have got out of control – but Russia's Oreshnik demo seems to have sobered them up for now, or something like that did).

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 **as dubaniew** 8/15/2025 at 10:59 PM  2

Pentagon acknowledged how Proxy War bioweapons, drones and exploding paggers games were changed after the demo...

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 **Don Dada** 8/15/2025 at 11:01 PM  8

He's safe , Oreshnik is mighty fast and inclusive

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 **Zavtra** 8/16/2025 at 3:41 AM  0

The closest thing to being DEI are bombs

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 **koaquira** 8/15/2025 at 11:04 PM  9

You worried with the soil because you cannot see what is invisible in the sky right now. Definitely NOTHING to worry about **but**, if you're american you would be pissing on your pants if you knew. So, stay low and respectful.

By the way, have you ever got any closer to a world leader of the lineage of Vladimir Putin? If not, you have no idea of how much this counts.

GODSPEED RUSSIA !

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 **Dimov** 8/16/2025 at 12:34 AM [↑](#)

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 **Joshuah Jackstonburg** 8/15/2025 at 11:55 PM [↑](#)

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There is likely a nuclear button on Putin's plane – or that man there is a well-trained body double for Putin.


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 **Petervk** 8/16/2025 at 12:13 AM [↑](#)

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I had the same concerns but the meeting whilst on US soil is on a US military base and was the only place that could guarantee security. Putin's safety is pretty much guaranteed unless USA wants global thermonuclear war which nobody wins so nothing to worry about.


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 **Abdurraheem** 8/16/2025 at 2:03 AM [↑](#)

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Putin's selfless self sacrificial leader
Which also makes him very fearless

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 **Stuart Collins** 8/16/2025 at 3:32 AM [↑](#)

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You might find that the next meeting in Moscow will be much safer.

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