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There will 'obviously' be no Putin-Zelensky summit – Merz

US President Donald Trump has pushed for the meeting as the next step toward settling the Ukraine conflict



German Chancellor Friedrich Merz at a press conference, Berlin, Germany, August 26, 2025. © Getty Images / Andreas Gora - Pool

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has said that it is "obvious" that a summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky will not take place.

US President Donald Trump has pushed for the meeting, following a summit with Putin in Alaska earlier this month, arguing that it should be the

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next step towards peace. While Moscow has said it is open to talks with Zelensky, it has stipulated that tangible progress in negotiations be made first.

“There will obviously not be a meeting between President Zelensky and President Putin,” Merz told journalists ahead of a meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron in Bresancon, France on Thursday.

This is *“unlike what was agreed upon between President Trump and President Putin last week when we were in Washington,”* he added.

Merz joined Zelensky alongside Kiev’s key European NATO backers for talks with Trump in the White House just days after the US president’s historic summit with Putin. Trump reportedly called his Russian counterpart in the middle of the meeting.

Both Kiev and its Western European backers have since increasingly pushed for *“security guarantees”* for Ukraine.

Trump has **ruled out** allowing Ukraine into NATO and has stressed that he will not deploy US troops in the country in the event of a ceasefire. Washington could however, support Western European nations in doing so, as *“they are willing to put people on the ground,”* Trump has said.

“Europe is going to give them significant security guarantees,” the US president said on Monday, explaining that Washington would take a supporting role.

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Moscow has stressed that it will never accept NATO troops in Ukraine, whether under the guise of peacekeepers or otherwise, and



warned that such a deployment would risk a direct clash between Russia and the West. Moscow has long characterized the conflict as a proxy war by the US-led military bloc against Russia.

Kiev is not interested in peace, but rather focused on forming anti-Russian military alliances to preserve its “neo-Nazi, Russophobic regime,” Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said last week.

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Good. This is really what we are hoping for in the west. Now russia will continue taking over 1,000 casualties everyday from our American weapons while we live life as usual and russia is too scared to do anything about it. Russia will continue to diminish economically, politically, and militarily. Who could have dreamed up a better scenario for us..lol

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R Rudy 8/29/2025 at 1:16 PM **0**

It would be a waste of time and effort anyway with Zelsky

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S Stephen Peace 8/29/2025 at 11:51 AM **0**

Mr Merz, please give me one single reason President Putin would meeting, even momentarily, with a vile, obnoxious, Nazi likes of Zelenskyy – the fact Biden, Trump and their idiot UK/EU vassals entertain the murderous corrupt criminal is hard to believe yet it probably tells you more about the pure evil of Biden, Trump, Merz, Macron, Starmer and co-vassals, than Zelensky Nazi Regime.









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 **ron miler** 8/29/2025 at 11:48 AM 0

If Putin wants to see a clown,he has to go to the circus,not going to the meeting with one.

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 **Dohn Joe** 8/29/2025 at 10:02 AM 1


Who cares if there will be no meeting? **The green Jewish midget clown** is a joke and a walking dead man.

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 **sacks** 8/29/2025 at 11:45 AM 0

You know, I also was thinking he was jew but in reality he is not. Half blood with Ukrainian mother would not be even allowed to get buried in Jewish cemetery. His father is jew his mother is ukrainian.

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 **sacks** 8/29/2025 at 11:43 AM 2

There always were hopes about Germany and Russia alliance which would surely create industrial monster. But Germany seems to lack Bismark like figures and instead electing clowns like this.

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 **David Bullock** 8/29/2025 at 11:01 AM 0

The next round of Russiagate starts in an ungrateful Europe. We have already seen proof in the US that Russiagate was a Democratic scam. One minute, the EU says it has to have US approval and help, the next, it is condemning its master for trying to bring peace, while the EU are pushing for endless war. Having any EU troops in Ukraine will widen the conflict, not stop it.

There are already too many European troops on Russia's border, yet not one shred of evidence points to any plan or attempts at Russia expanding westward, just like NATO and the EU have expanded eastward and have been seen to attempt to destabilise governments and states on Russia's borders. Ukraine will not be the next one; the West has already done enough damage to Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

It seems that the EU is trying to bring the US fully into the next European/World War. We know that NATO weapons are not up to par, and there is not enough manpower NATO would need to defeat Russia without the use of nuclear weapons, and we all know what that would lead to.

So, just because President Trump and President Putin can agree on some things, but the EU does not like what is being agreed, they are trying to stir the pot.

As for the EU and UK offices in Kiev being hit, by what we have not been told, those countries are supplying terrorists who have been murdering people in the Donbass since 2014, when they invaded the region, and from last year, murdering Russians and kidnapping Russians in the Kursk region. So if the US can attempt to destroy Iranian nuclear power stations with no evidence that they were producing weapon-grade nuclear materials, we have proof of Western countries supplying assistance in weapons and manpower to the Kiev terrorists, so if their offices are targeted, what is the difference, except that there is irrefutable proof.

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Roald Bentzen 8/29/2025 at 12:27 AM

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All parties should go to elect a new president for Ukraine. One who democratically represents the Ukrainian people.

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Gary Scott 8/29/2025 at 12:42 AM ↑

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Wombat Joey 8/29/2025 at 1:29 AM ↑

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At this point, they're waaaay beyond this being fixed with «democratic

representative elections.» Isn't that the very way Zelensky started out? What they need is 1) UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER to the Russian Federation; 2) Mop-up and pacification of residual resistance, militant foot-dragging and ideological contamination; 3) Appointment and full empowerment of a temporary Council of Guides who will work with the Federation to heal some of the worst wounds of war and establish the FOUNDATION (trainer wheels?) for a democratic representative government that meets the exacting specifications laid down by the Federation. Western participation in any form will never EVER be tolerated.

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Chris van Schoor 8/29/2025 at 9:56 AM

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Merz embarrasses himself every single time he opens his mouth.

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ANDREA Stengel 8/29/2025 at 9:43 AM

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a summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky would serve no useful purpose

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