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Ukraine security guarantees only after peace deal – Moscow

Western proposals only serve to destabilize the region, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has said



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Security guarantees for Ukraine must be the result of a settlement of the conflict with Russia, not a precondition for negotiations, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has said.

Kiev has demanded security guarantees from its Western backers as a prerequisite to a peace deal. Moscow has not ruled out guarantees in principle, but opposes efforts to design them without Russia's

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At a press briefing on Friday, Zakharova said any guarantees must be based on an *“understanding that takes into account the security interests of Russia.”* She added that a settlement must ensure Ukraine’s demilitarization, denazification, neutral and non-nuclear status, and recognition of the territorial realities.

“It is necessary to understand that providing security guarantees is not a condition, but a result of a peaceful settlement based on eliminating the root causes of the conflict in Ukraine, which, in turn, will guarantee the security of our country,” she said.

Zakharova criticized the Western proposals put forward so far, warning they would only *“lead to destabilization.”*

“The options proposed by the Collective West are one-sided, built with the obvious expectation of containing Russia... they increase the risk of NATO being drawn into an armed conflict with our country,” she said, adding that they would *“secure Kiev’s role as a strategic provocateur on Russia’s borders.”*

Kiev earlier pushed for NATO membership as a security guarantee, but US President Donald [Trump](#) has ruled this out. Ukraine’s Vladimir Zelensky and his European backers have also called for *“Article 5-like guarantees”* obligating the US-led military bloc to act if Ukraine is attacked. European policymakers have also considered sending troops to Ukraine as peacekeepers and creating a buffer zone with Western patrols. Moscow has rejected the deployment of NATO troops to Ukraine, whether as peacekeepers or otherwise.

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major prisoner swaps. While a breakthrough has not been reached, US envoy Steve Witkoff said this week that Washington hopes to settle the conflict by the end of 2025, citing a *“peace proposal on the table”* and ongoing contact with Russian and Ukrainian officials.

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NATO doe snot want to eliminate or accept the root cause of the conflict it is very clear NATO wants Russia, NATO is the threat to security and so far only Trump and other none NATO members sees this.

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What the devil wants and what he will get are two different things. These matters are decided by the winners not the losers

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Then meet in Saudi Arabia, please ask permission from the leader of Saudi with all do respect

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There will be the same circus from Zelensky, as it was in Istanbul. A lot of preliminary work has been frozen by the Zelensky regime.









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Actually security guarantees are in fact a pre-condition to negotiations if RU wants to negotiate an end to the conflict. And it really doesn't matter whether RU sees it that way or not. All that matters is if the other side sees it that way and isn't going to stop unless they get their security guarantees. And of course the more pressure they feel the more they will demand the guarantees.

And logically, RU has zero say in such a guarantee since the entire purpose of it would be to prevent further military aggressions and repeat invasions initiated by RU. And RU claims that RU must be involved because mere perceived threats by RU against RU are somehow «destabilizing» while actual invasions and military actions by RU are magically not destabilizing, are completely ludicrous and bordering on insane. So the evidence would suggest it is the RU side who has been consuming magic mushrooms, not the EU members...

Of course it is RU's sovereign choice to simply reject such a pre-condition and their exclusion from its planning outright, and to just continue the war if they want. And if they make that choice, imo they will probably eventually prevail militarily at some point several years down the road. But naturally if they did manage to prevail eventually, it would be at a yet-to-be-determined final cost to their economy and national gene pool.

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RU invasion???

The war was started by Nazi Ukraine in 2014, not by Russia in 2022. Don't try to fool us in the context of a full coverage of the events.

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There can be no guarantess with any NATO Country as they are the aggressors which will start the war again at the first chance.

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