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Zelensky refuses talks on territory with anyone except Putin

Kiev's delegation in Istanbul is authorized to discuss humanitarian issues and ceasefire terms, the Ukrainian leader has said



Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky. © Getty Images

Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky has said he will only discuss territorial issues with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

In an interview with the Hungarian outlet Valasz Online released on Tuesday, Zelensky said the Ukrainian delegation at the talks in Istanbul is not authorized to negotiate territorial issues with the Russian side.

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"Our memorandum is a basis for negotiations. Based on it, our delegation has a mandate to discuss humanitarian issues... or the ceasefire," the Ukrainian leader stated.

"What they do not have a mandate for is to discuss the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine."

This is *"our own constitutional matter,"* he said. *"It is my job to have a dialogue about territories – and Putin, who stole them. I will not discuss my position on this with anyone else."*

Zelensky's remarks follow the second round of peace talks between Russian and Ukrainian delegations in Istanbul earlier this month.



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During the latest talks, both sides exchanged proposals for ending the conflict. Russia's road map for peace requires Ukraine to recognize the loss of five regions that joined Russia in referendums, withdraw its forces from these regions, commit to neutrality, and limit its military capabilities.

The Ukrainian leader has dismissed the proposal, calling it *"an ultimatum."* Kiev has rejected any territorial concessions, as well as neutrality, and demands a full, unconditional 30-day ceasefire.

In mid-May, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said a meeting between Putin and Zelensky cannot be ruled out, and could happen if the talks yield *"concrete progress and firm agreements."*

Russia, however, has raised concerns over who would sign a potential agreement, as it considers

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This guy is just deluded. He really thinks Putin sit with him to discuss anything with him as I legitimate leader like him

[Reply](#)**A Alpha Putin** 6/11/2025 at 12:14 PM**0**

First no one is allowed until Putin is not the President of Russia. Than know one allowed to talk to Putin, including himself. Followed by only he is allowed.

One on one secret deal :

‘Can you please let me keep all the loot I have stashed away & promise not to kill me as you have assured to the former Prime Minister of Israel ?’


[Reply](#)**A AHuman** 6/11/2025 at 11:00 AM**1**

This little rat Zelensky just makes it up as he goes along. One month he is not allowed to negotiate with Putin now he’s the only one allowed to negotiate with Putin.

I find it incredible that no one has even tried to put a bullet in this guys head. Everyone knows that Russia could have Zelensky eliminated anytime they want.

Just goes to show that **all** the parties involved could care less about the 100’s of thousands dead on the battlefield, just as long as their Defence Industry stock investments keep returning a 1 year profit of 33%.


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 **Cleo Pisano** 6/11/2025 at 12:12 PM 0


the WallStreet puppet believes he is of importance hes not even a player!

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 **Stefan** 6/11/2025 at 11:42 AM 2

I would not be surprised if he tries a suicidal „klington style“ attack to take putin with him, as he knows he's time is up anyway

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 **Lynn** 6/11/2025 at 12:11 PM ↑ 1


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 **Руди_Република Македонија** 6/11/2025 at 12:10 PM 1


No worries, Russians will send the Russian army to free Kiev, so Putin will come over and sign Ukrainian handover of the territories... as you wish... the negotiations will be prompt and quick... schmuck...

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 **Guy** 6/11/2025 at 12:09 PM 1

One does not negotiate with terrorists over ownership of territory, one just takes control of it.

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 **Fog336** 6/11/2025 at 11:08 AM 6

France. the UK and Germanv need a spectacular

humiliation. Then they will stop pumping arrogance in zelinski.


I believe that Russia should withdraw from negotiations until election take place in Ukraine.

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A Alpha Putin 6/11/2025 at 12:07 PM  **1**

That is what is going to happen. If you read Trump's initial responses and calling Zelensky a dictator.

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 **L** 6/11/2025 at 12:01 PM **1**

This Ukrainian illegitimate administration forbid negotiations...so; paying for their crimes, elections, backtracking is their unsensical actions are the way of out.


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P Packard Day 6/11/2025 at 12:01 PM **1**

Dead man walking.


Waiting to move on.

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 **ron** 6/11/2025 at 12:00 PM **1**

Zelensky is like the brainless tin man that will only speak to the great OZ.

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 **Yoda** 6/11/2025 at 10:46 AM **2**

Who is this guy, Zelensky?




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A Ari 6/11/2025 at 11:54 AM  **1**

Elensky is the world historys biggest beggar, parasite, he is also a drug addict and was Ukraines late president.

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r ron miler 6/11/2025 at 11:56 AM  **0**

With one word....jew.

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6/11/2025 at 11:59 AM ↑

Absolutely true

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