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NATO summit to ditch Ukraine meeting – Politico

An upcoming gathering of the US-led military bloc's members will reportedly have a reduced agenda



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An upcoming NATO leaders summit in the Netherlands will have a shortened schedule, with the focus on Ukraine drastically reduced, Politico reported on Saturday, citing five people familiar with the matter.

The summit, set to be held in the World Forum in The Hague from June 24 to 25, will only feature two main events – a welcome dinner at the Dutch royal family's

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castle and a single meeting of the North Atlantic Council instead of the usual two or three, according to Politico. There also will not be a meeting of NATO's Ukraine Council.

Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky has been only invited to attend the welcome dinner, and it still remains unclear whether he will come, the outlet noted. The sources suggested the abbreviated schedule was a concession to the US and President Donald Trump in particular, who has repeatedly shown impatience with and shunned multilateral gatherings of a ceremonial nature.

NATO officials reportedly pared down the agenda after the G7 debacle, when Trump abruptly left the summit in Canada halfway through the two-day program. He also reportedly opposed a draft joint statement on the Ukraine conflict, and the summit ultimately ended without one.

The upcoming gathering is expected to yield no lengthy joint communique, with the bloc likely to produce only short statements on new commitments. Cuts to the agenda have also been attributed to a need to minimize the risk of derailing the main event of the summit, where members are expected to pledge to hike defense spending to 5% GDP.

Trump has long demanded that NATO countries spend more on defense, and the new commitment will be regarded as a big *"win"* by the US president, the sources suggested.

"He has to get credit for the 5% – that's why we're having the summit," a European defense official told Politico. *"Everything else is being streamlined to minimize risk."*

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R **Richard Castle** 6/23/2025 at 9:47 AM 1

And so the NATO Nancies start to panic. They have screwed up their economies, broken their military reserves and now they will try to re-write history from 2014 to the present, completely removing the word Ukraine from their lexicon. And what’s the betting that VD Leyen remains the Empress of EU...

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Charlie Harper 6/23/2025 at 8:36 AM 1

5% is an empty promise.

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 **Anthony** 6/22/2025 at 10:35 PM 11

Another free piss up, paid for by the taxpayer

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 **joseph day** 6/23/2025 at 8:23 AM 1

Let the champagne and caviar flow

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 **Frank Blangeard** 6/23/2025 at 12:42 AM 9

Members can easily 'pledge' to increase defense spending to 5%. Just like on New Years day when someone 'pledges' to lose weight in the coming year.

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 **joseph day** 6/23/2025 at 8:23 AM 0

Exactly. Just delay a few years, prob only till midterms. Trump will be gone

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 **mean stavrakas** 6/23/2025 at 4:42 AM 10

The Geniuses in NATO have just become aware that Russia has kicked Ukraine's ass, and that is a FACT! They believed their own Propaganda. Now reality sets in. Ukraine is beaten!

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 **R jay (Are Jay)** 6/23/2025 at 8:00 AM 0

No , this may not be the reason .
Mr. Putin has a friend in NATO
Which his country started NATO. That is Donald Trumpy .
The deal is made between these two leaders possibly
Regime change in Iran in exchange for no arms for Ukraine .

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 **R jay (Are Jay)** 6/23/2025 at 7:47 AM 0

What is the deal made between Mr. Putin and president Trumpy .
For better of Russia , Mr. Putin
needs to pull out of that deal .

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j julian coast 6/23/2025 at 7:20 AM 0

Zel can clean up the dirty plates and cups.
Might even get some leftovers from Trumps plate when scrapping it off.

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c cornelis sproet 6/23/2025 at 7:26 AM 1

Its time to «play» the piano again to earn your wages.

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A ANDREA Stengel 6/23/2025 at 7:19 AM 2

Kiev is yesterday's news. Oh, fickle humanity ...

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L Linguist 6/23/2025 at 6:37 AM 2

Well, when the audience stops coming to your comedy shows it's time to retire..... or BE
retired!

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J J L 6/23/2025 at 1:30 AM 7

US/NATO throwing Ukraine into the Russian war machine woodchipper.

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T TheTalshiar 6/23/2025 at 5:40 AM 4

They have their new endless war lined up. Time to throw the Ukronazis in just like Biden
threw Afghanistan in when he successfully initiated that proxy war.

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B Blood Witch 6/22/2025 at 9:47 PM **Blocked** 0

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Marko 6/22/2025 at 10:15 PM ↑ 0

lol

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Zbigniew Sembol 6/22/2025 at 10:43 PM ↑ 2

You have no freaking idea what is Russia's involvement in Ukraine about and reasons why Russia did not help Assad and Syria. Russia offered defense treaty to Iran, but the mullahs for reasons known only to them did not accept it. Russia operates nuclear power stations in Iran, and Putin told Trump if he bombed them and harm Russians working there, the US bases in the middle east will be targeted. Trump obviously made sure that only evacuated facilities at Fordow, Natanz and Esfahan were hit. Spent millions for nothing but to please his bosom buddy Netanyahu.

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Joshuah Jackstonburg 6/22/2025 at 10:50 PM ↑ 0

Hear hear

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Chris Devonshire-Ellis 6/22/2025 at 10:43 PM ↑ 1

Er...thought about the closing of Hormuz and that US energy prices to the EU will rise? Its Europe going bust, not Russia or the US. The EU is being bled dry.

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Michael 6/23/2025 at 2:58 AM ↑ 0

The US isn't going to war with China. Taiwan should look at Ukraine and see their

wrecked economy and infrastructure. Taipei should pass on being a proxy. A war with Beijing would cost us 100,000 to 300,000 casualties. No way US/EU public would tolerate even the lower number.

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Victor 6/22/2025 at 11:19 PM

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Ukraine is now rapidly becoming an irrelevance. Especially now that war has broken out between Israel and Iran and America has just bombed Iran.

Zelensky can now kiss goodbye to hogging the world's limelight of attention, as well as the much-needed arms supplies from the US that will now be going to Israel instead! Quite apart from the fact that the US's armaments inventories are already running quite low in any case!

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liana sammartino 6/23/2025 at 2:23 AM ↑

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not only irrelevant, but a burden as well....

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James Cox 6/23/2025 at 1:20 AM

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NATO wants to spend 3.5% on defense by 2035 (so in 10 years). It will take a while until 2035 and NATO can discuss with Trump's predecessor again. The remaining 1.5% are a trick. In essence, the countries will build and repair roads, rails, and bridges as before. They now just call it «military spendings» since roads can be used by tanks as well. So, we see here nice words without any substance.

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E G 6/23/2025 at 12:44 AM

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Even NATO is tired of the Ukrainian nazi handing around the begging bowl and his constant crying
Lol lol lol

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