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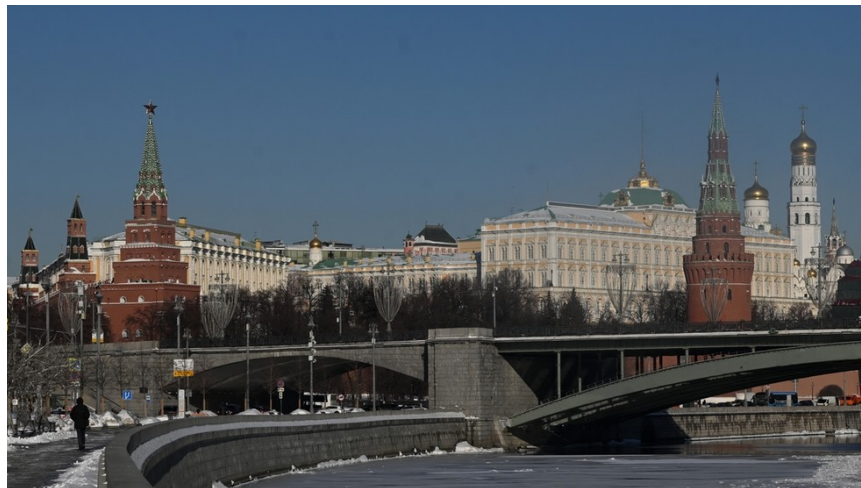
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## Europe not interested in Ukraine peace process – Kremlin

Kiev has intensified attacks on Russian civilian sites recently, backed by Western arms supplies

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European leaders are not interested in a diplomatic settlement to the Ukraine conflict, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said. He stressed that the only recent diplomatic outreach by EU states – a visit by a French presidential envoy last month – did not bring *“any positive signals.”*

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The EU and UK have been sidelined in US-backed Ukraine peace negotiations in recent months. Despite lobbying to join the talks, Kiev's European backers have systematically worked to sabotage the process, [Moscow has said](#).

*"The Europeans don't want to help the peace process,"* Peskov said in an interview with the Financial Times published on Sunday. *"When the representative of France came, he didn't bring any positive signals. And so there was indeed nothing positive for him to hear."*

Just days earlier, French President Emmanuel Macron stressed that the Iran conflict would not offer Russia any

*"respite,"* and vowed to continue military support for Kiev. *"Nothing will deter us from Ukraine,"* he said in a press conference in Paris on Friday.

The US-Israeli attack on Tehran has disrupted plans for the next round of the trilateral peace talks between Moscow, Washington, and Kiev. A new round is now expected sometime this week, White House special envoy Steve Witkoff told CNBC on Tuesday.

According to Trump, the diplomatic process has been slowed by Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky's refusal to compromise.

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told NBC News on Saturday. *“Tell Zelensky to make a deal because Putin’s willing to make a deal.”*



Moscow has argued that EU and UK military support for Kiev has emboldened Ukraine to continue the conflict – which Russia

sees as a proxy war.

After a deadly Ukrainian strike on Russia’s Bryansk using French-UK-made cruise missiles last week, Moscow **summoned** the envoys of Paris and London.

*“The missile attack on Bryansk would not have been possible without the involvement of British and French specialists,”* the Foreign Ministry said in a statement, calling the attack *“a deliberate provocation aimed at undermining”* peace efforts.

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## Over 100 Ukrainian drones target Moscow – mayor

The capital’s international airports have been forced to temporarily halt flights due to the incursions

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FILE PHOTO: Russian servicemen training to counter fixed-wing attack drones. © Sputnik / Alexey Filippov

A total of 105 Ukrainian drones heading towards

Russia's capital have been shot down by air defenses this weekend, Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyenin has said.

Reports of the destruction of one or several incoming UAVs have popped up on Sobyenin's Telegram channel almost every hour throughout the day.

Emergency services workers have been deployed in various locations where the debris of the intercepted drones fell, the mayor relayed.

The incursions have forced Moscow's Vnukovo, Domodedovo and Zhukovsky international airports to temporarily halt flights, according to Russia's federal air transport agency, Rosaviatsia.

The Defense Ministry said mid-day on Sunday that at least 295 of the hostile UAVs have been destroyed in Russian airspace since 9:00 PM local time (18:00 GMT) on Saturday.



Besides Moscow and Moscow Region, the interceptions took place in Bryansk, Kaluga, Belgorod,

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The Ukrainian drone raid started on Friday, with

Kiev deploying some 600 fixed-wing UAVs since then, according to figures from the defense ministry.

Ukraine has routinely launched UAV attacks against Russia in recent months, targeting critical infrastructure and residential areas in what Moscow has described as desperate *“terrorist attacks.”*

Russia has been hitting Ukrainian military-related infrastructure in response.

On Sunday, the Russian Defense Ministry reported another such large-scale strike, saying that Moscow’s aviation, missiles, drones and artillery attacked energy and transport facilities used by Ukrainian troops as well as UAV launch sites and temporary deployment sites of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and foreign mercenaries in 148 locations.

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