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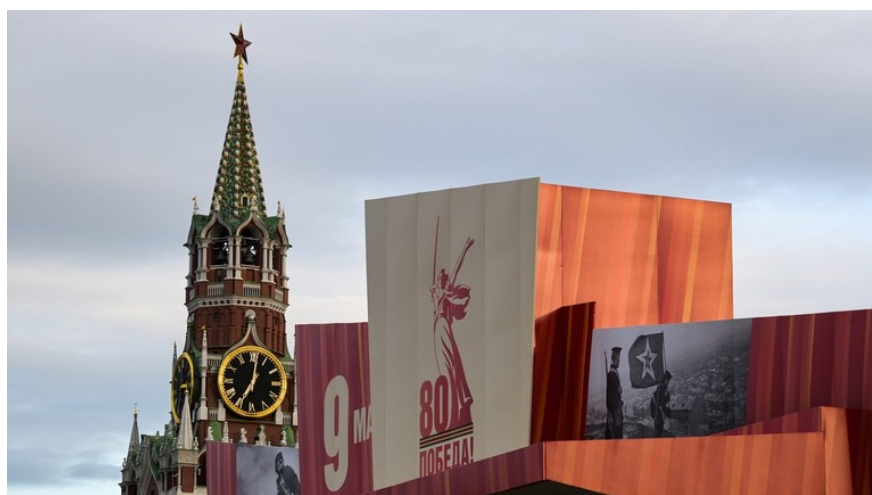
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Russia's 72-hour 'Victory Day' truce begins

Putin's temporary end to hostilities aims to open peace talks despite recent Ukrainian drone attacks



Victory Day decorations in Red Square, Moscow, Russia © Sputnik / Alexey Nikolskiy

A 72-hour ceasefire proposed by Russian President Vladimir Putin has officially come into effect, with Russian forces halting offensive operations going into Thursday, despite a surge in Ukrainian drone attacks in the hours before the truce.

The pause in fighting, set to last until midnight on May 10–11, has been described as a humanitarian gesture marking the 80th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany. The Kremlin says the ceasefire also aims to create space for direct peace talks with Ukraine, without preconditions.

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"Yes, this is an initiative by the Russian side, by President Putin. It remains in force," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov confirmed on Wednesday, stressing that Moscow is committed to honoring the truce despite Ukraine's record-breaking drone assault ahead of its start.

Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky has refused to back the ceasefire, denouncing it as an *"attempt at manipulation"* and accusing Russia of using humanitarian overtures to gain a tactical advantage.

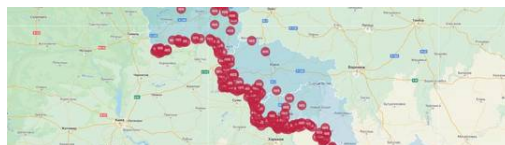


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Kiev has recently intensified its drone campaign, with high-ranking Russian diplomat Rodion Miroshnik stating that Ukrainian UAV strikes over the past week have caused a [record number of civilian casualties](#) — 15 killed and 142 injured.

Earlier in the week, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova accused Zelensky of engaging in *"classic terrorist behavior"* by threatening civilians in Russia while soliciting additional funding from Western donors.

Peskov condemned the continued attacks, accusing the *"Kiev regime"* of revealing *"its essence and inclination toward terrorist actions."* He noted that Russia's special services and military are taking all necessary measures to ensure that Victory Day events proceed safely across the country.



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Despite calls from some lawmakers for an *"asymmetrical"* response to the drone strikes, the Kremlin has reiterated its position: *"All instructions have been given, there are no new elements here,"* Peskov said when asked about potential retaliation during the

ceasefire window.

Victory Day, celebrated on May 9, commemorates the defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945 and remains one of the most significant public holidays in Russia.

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Castrate them n install them new foreskins. How devilish.

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You can bet it will be broken instantly by the criminal terrorist Kiev regime...

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Zelensky is a true coward and a liar.

And he's really stupid.

Ukraine will never recover so long as the comedian is in power.

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Maybe THAT'S why Zelensky has been allowed to live. He's destroying his own country, making Russia's work a lot easier!

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Of course he has a choice.

[Reply](#)**Derek Atkins** 5/8/2025 at 9:49 AM ↑**0**

Or as long as the DOH!tard keeps sending weapons. It's now Trump and his swamp's war.

24 hours! 🤔

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Avuncular 5/8/2025 at 9:54 AM

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This is a mistake.

One will have to hit them even harder after those 72h.

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Velo Cast 5/8/2025 at 9:32 AM

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World War II resulted in an estimated 50 to 85 million deaths, making about 3% of the 1940 world population (est. 2.3 billion). Civilians killed totaled 50 to 55 million, and military deaths from all causes totaled 21 to 25 million. 🦜

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Putin is a man of Piece.

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John Doe 5/8/2025 at 9:26 AM ↑

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Yes, piece of \$**t

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Mikey 5/8/2025 at 9:14 AM

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When the world language was french. Russia stopped her, when the world language was Germän ; Russia stopped them... When the world was «English» and so the story goes. The chessboard Wizard will nevr understand how the Candy Cane Wizard(Siberia) does business.

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Ghost 5/8/2025 at 8:43 AM

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Trump would have nuked Kiev by now and threatened anyone who has a problem with it with nukes

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Mikey 5/8/2025 at 9:10 AM ↑

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That is why were Russians not bloodthirsty Americans...

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Putin is a man of peace.

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G **Gisle Skogseth** 5/8/2025 at 8:56 AM  -2



He demonstrated that by attacking Ukraine

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N **Nunya Bizness** 5/7/2025 at 11:34 PM 4


Time to let MEDVEDEV handle the day-to-day operations of this war and let Putin lead 'negotiations' because, no matter how much the world hates him, he's much much much too soft and hesitant. Stop calling it an SMO and make it a war already, because Nazis only stop Nazing when they're dead. I'll bet the Ukrainian cease violations will number over 4 figures over 72 hours.....that's how much desperation, evil and hatred are within them.

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 **Gregor McIntosh** 5/8/2025 at 8:46 AM  0


I think Medvedev would go full Israel on the Ukraine tbh.

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 **Gregor McIntosh** 5/8/2025 at 8:45 AM 0

No doubt the Ukrainians will disrespect it because they're fucking Nazis

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 **Derek Atkins** 5/8/2025 at 8:20 AM 1

Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky has refused to back the ceasefire, denouncing it as an "attempt at manipulation" and accusing Russia of using humanitarian overtures to gain a tactical advantage.

Russia doesn't need a tactical advantage 😊... «We are winning.»

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T **Triyono Wibowo** 5/8/2025 at 7:58 AM 0

Right after May 11, pls send a big blow with oreshnik directly to zel's palace. I think he anticipates this kind of possibility, and thats why he is holled up somewhere far from Kiev right now.

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m **mean stavrakas** 5/8/2025 at 7:46 AM 2

This is the LAST CHANCE that Ukraine will get to stop the War and retain some of it's territory on it's own terms. Attacking Russia when Russia offers terms is dumb If Ukraine attacks then Russia should destroy them.