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# Putin 'doing whatever possible' for Ukraine peace – Kremlin

Russia hopes Donald Trump will help bring more “wisdom” in discussions with Kiev, spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said



Russian President Vladimir Putin. © Sputnik

Russian President Vladimir Putin is “*doing whatever is possible*” to pursue peace in the Ukraine conflict, but has no other choice than to continue its military operation as long as Kiev refuses to hold talks with Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said.

In an interview with ABC News on Friday, Peskov said Ukraine “*is trying to escape from*

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*negotiations*” despite declaring that it is ready for a ceasefire. However, Moscow believes a truce will only give Kiev the opportunity to regroup its battered troops.

*“Ukraine will continue their total mobilization, bringing new troops to [the] front line. Ukraine will use this period to train new military personnel and to give a rest to their existing ones. So why should we grant such an advantage to Ukraine?”*

Another issue, he said, is arms shipments from the West, which should be ceased during a truce. *“Otherwise, it will be [an] advantage for Ukraine.”*

*“President Putin is doing whatever is possible to solve the problem, to achieve a settlement through peaceful and diplomatic means,”* Peskov said. *“But having no peaceful and democratic means at hand, we have to continue [the] military operation.”*

The Kremlin spokesman went on to say Moscow is hopeful that US President Donald Trump could play a role in mediating the conflict. Trump, he suggested, could help *“bring a little bit more flexibility and a little more political will and wisdom to [the] Kiev regime.”*

Russia offered a 72-hour ceasefire from midnight May 8 to midnight May 11 to mark the 80th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany. Moscow described the offer as a humanitarian gesture aimed at paving the way for direct peace talks without preconditions.

Ukraine has dismissed the overture as *“manipulation”* and demanded a 30-day ceasefire instead. Russian officials have said the pause would allow Ukraine to regroup and strengthen its military.

The Russian Defense Ministry said Ukraine has launched thousands of attacks of various kinds, including four cross-border incursions into the Russian regions of Kursk and



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The destruction of Russia is Ukraine's sole reason for existence. Backed by the west, which appears to be in the same spot.

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