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Zelensky sets conditions for direct talks with Putin in Türkiye

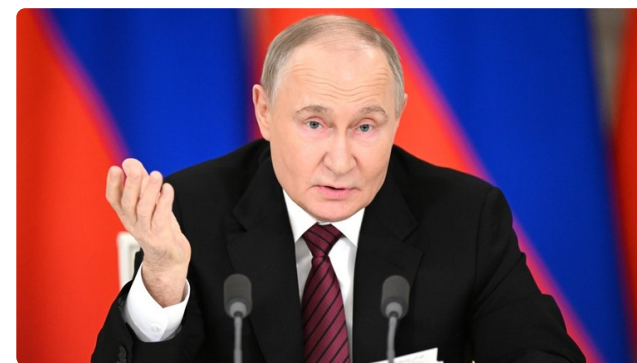
The Ukrainian leader has said he would be “waiting” for the Russian president on Thursday but only if Moscow agrees to a truce first



Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky has stated he is ready to “*personally*” meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in Türkiye on Thursday but only if Moscow first agrees to a truce. His statement came in response to Russia's proposal to begin peace talks without pre-conditions.

“I will be waiting for Putin in

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Kiev awaits *“a full and lasting ceasefire, starting from tomorrow, to provide the necessary basis for diplomacy.”* The Ukrainian leader also stated that he expected Moscow not to look for *“excuses”* this time.

On Saturday, the Russian president offered Kiev the opportunity to restart direct negotiations in Istanbul, which it unilaterally walked away from in 2022. Moscow was ready to return to the negotiating table without any preconditions, the Russian leader said at the time.

Russia has repeatedly stated that it was ready for peace talks at any time. It also maintained that it was seeking a lasting solution to the conflict rather than a temporary one. It opposed Kiev’s 30-day truce demand on the grounds that Ukraine would use it to rearm and regroup its military.

Zelensky issued a similar demand on Saturday following a meeting with a group of European leaders, including French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. They also supported Kiev’s demand that Russia agree to a truce.

US President Donald Trump also expressed his hope that Moscow and Kiev could soon agree to a month-long truce. He also warned that *“the US and its partners will impose further sanctions”* if an agreement is reached but not respected.

On Sunday, the American president said that Kiev should agree to Moscow’s peace talks proposal *“immediately.”* According to him, Moscow did not want a mere ceasefire but wanted *“to negotiate a possible end to the bloodbath.”*

“Türkiye on Thursday. Personally,” Zelensky wrote in a post on X on Sunday. He still maintained that



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The Kremlin has rejected what it described as external pressure surrounding the proposed truce. Putin also noted that Kiev violated the three ceasefires proposed by Moscow: the 30-day US-brokered moratorium on strikes against energy infrastructure, which expired last month, the unconditional Easter ceasefire, and the recently lapsed 72-hour Victory Day ceasefire.

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Zelensky has only one order, 'keep the conflict going as long as possible' please stop putting this imbecile in the news

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 **Махин** 5/11/2025 at 7:34 PM 8

Only one Zelensky should be waiting is Mr Oreshnik. 😊

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Mr Oreshnik went on holiday after one appearance in three years and hasn't been seen since though. Maybe he's busy or something

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If you miss him soo much he will come back. Russia is restrained and wants peace, you simply wish to die for the west like you did for the Germans

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Zeleeleensky...This creature is living on a conditional basis!

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For 3 1/2 years we've been hearing the empty threats.....but keep trying))

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Who is «we»?

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Ukraine and the world. Constant threats and saber rattling.....all bullshit posturing.

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Ukrainians are refugees now n forever, you still can't see. Lol

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L Luka D 5/11/2025 at 8:07 PM -3

Putin is finally accepting the reality that russia can not beat Ukraine in this war. He now knows what everyone else already knows that russia got exposed as a poor mans clown army. All those russian's died for nothing now. That was smart..smh

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R Ruover endy 5/11/2025 at 8:19 PM 0

Solid logic. You don't talk if you have won or think you're about to.

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Galak Tik 5/11/2025 at 8:17 PM

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Zelensky is as DENSE as they come, he is NEVER going to get it!

He thinks someone is going to come to his rescue or something (ie at first the US, later many others, now even UK & France having 2nd thoughts), he never understood that Ukraine was set up from the very beginning. It was considered expendable and everyone in it, from the moment it started shaking hands with the West in the 1990s!

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Alpha Putin 5/11/2025 at 8:16 PM

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Suddenly he is cowboy of the American Wild, Wild, West !

'I will be waiting for you outside the saloon in the street for a draw. Only you don't bring your gun.'

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Matthew 5/11/2025 at 8:16 PM

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This week may be 🌍 World Peace Week! 👍. Ukraine, Gaza, Pakistan, Iran, Yemen. We need to add Sudan and the Congo and Myanmar. Too bad the new Pope is doing nothing.

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Gerry 5/11/2025 at 8:15 PM

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He just doesn't get how insignificant he has become..... Just turn, listen to the requirements and ring Trump for what to do plus use the Toilet regularly or you be caught out!!!

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ted can (stick it) 5/11/2025 at 8:13 PM

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call me triggered but can we please stop using mr z's picture? Use a characture or puppet cause just looking at his ugly mug angers me. thanks

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