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# Russia-Ukraine peace talks: Live Updates

The delegations are in place but negotiations have been pushed out to after lunch, according to Moscow



The first direct talks between Russia and Ukraine in more than three years are scheduled to take place in Türkiye's largest city, Istanbul, on Thursday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin offered on Sunday to resume direct dialogue

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FILE PHOTO: The Russian-Ukrainian talks at the Dolmabahce Palace in Istanbul in April 2022. © Getty Images / Cem Ozdel

between Moscow and Kiev to find a lasting settlement that would address the root causes of the conflict.

Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky, who had previously ruled out any talks with Moscow, only agreed to attend following US President Donald Trump's announcement of his support for talks, his claim that Kiev should accept it *"immediately,"* and that he is also ready to travel to Istanbul.

While Zelensky has insisted he would only speak with Putin directly, the Russian president has so far given no indication that he is planning to travel to Türkiye.

Moscow and Ukraine last held direct talks in April 2022, also in Istanbul. Following reports that an agreement had been reached, Kiev unilaterally withdrew from the talks. President Putin later blamed Western interference and, in particular, then-UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who had urged Kiev to "just continue fighting," for derailing the peace process.

Russia, which had withdrawn its forces from the outskirts of Kiev as a goodwill gesture, later accused Ukraine of backtracking, saying it had lost trust in Ukraine's negotiators.

**15 May 2025**

**10:00 GMT**

The Guardian has reported that the heads of the Ukrainian delegation are not even in Istanbul where the talks with Russia are expected to take place, and are likely to remain in Ankara until Zelensky has spoken with Erdogan.

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**09:40 GMT**

Vladimir Zelensky has arrived in Ankara, where he is expected to hold a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

After leaving the plane, the Ukrainian leader claimed that the seniority of the delegation sent by Moscow to the talks with Kiev in Istanbul was insufficient.

Russia will be represented at the meeting by presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky, Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Galuzin, Deputy Defense Minister Aleksandr Fomin and and the head of Russia's military intelligence Igor Kostyukov.

Medinsky headed Moscow's delegation during the previous direct talks with Kiev in Istanbul in April 2022, while the presence of Kostyukov makes the lineup of the Russian negotiators even more high-ranking that three years ago. However, the country's top officials, including President Putin, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Defense Minister Andrey Belousov, will be staying out of the meeting.

Zelensky said that he will make further decisions on negotiating with Russia after his discussions with Erdogan. He also added that Kiev remains in constant contact with Washington regarding the peace process.

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#### 09:15 GMT









Vladimir Putin will not attend the direct talks between Moscow and Kiev in Istanbul this week, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said.

When asked by journalists if there was a chance of the Russian president traveling to Türkiye, Peskov gave a short answer, saying: *“no.”*

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#### 09:07 GMT

The start of direct talks between the Russian and Ukrainian delegations has been rescheduled for the second half of the day at the initiative of the Turkish side, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has said. Initial media

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reports suggested that the negotiations could begin at 10am local time in Istanbul (7am GMT).

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**08:22 GMT**

UK national security adviser, Jonathan Powell, is expected to travel to Türkiye to provide background advice to Zelensky, the Guardian has reported.

The outlet described the possible negotiations in Istanbul as *“an unpredictable meeting in an unclear format.”*

Powell’s advice to Zelensky would be not to do anything that alienates Donald Trump, but encourage the US president to realize that Russian leader Vladimir Putin is an obstacle to peace, according to the British publication.

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**08:17 GMT**

In a piece for the online newspaper Gazeta.ru, and translated and edited by the RT team, Russian journalist and political analyst Vitaly Ryumshin has taken a pessimistic view of the upcoming talks. According to Ryumshin, two main issues will hinder significant progress being made: the conditions for real peace talks simply don’t exist, and the poor track record of previous efforts.

Read the full article [here](#).

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**08:00 GMT**

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has confirmed that the Russian delegation has arrived in Istanbul. This corroborates earlier reports from an RT correspondent and a TASS source.

Moscow's negotiators are *"ready for serious work,"* Zakharova said during a briefing.

**07:45 GMT**

US President Donald Trump has said he could still travel to Türkiye if progress is made during direct peace talks between Russia and Ukraine.

*"You know, if something happened, I would go on Friday,"* the US president told journalists in Qatar.



US President Donald Trump and Emir of Qatar Tamim bin Hamad al Thani attend a signing ceremony at the Amiri Diwan, the official workplace of the emir. © Getty Images / Win McNamee

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**07:28 GMT**

Russian President Vladimir Putin led a high-profile meeting on Wednesday evening as part of preparations for direct talks with Ukraine in Istanbul, Kremlin press-secretary Dmitry Peskov has said.

Besides the members of the Russian delegation – presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky, Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Galuzin, Deputy Defense Minister Aleksandr Fomin and and the head of Russia’s military intelligence, Igor Kostyukov – the meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Defense Minister Andrey Belousov, Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov, head of the Federal Security Service (FSB) Aleksandr Bortnikov, chief of the Russian National Guard Viktor Zolotov and Secretary of the Security Council Sergey Shoigu, according to the spokesman.

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**07:05 GMT**

Ukraine’s Vladimir Zelensky plans to hold a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara later in the day, and only after that decide what steps to take regarding talks with Russia, an unnamed senior official has told AFP.

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It's very important that no one makes a big deal out of this, especially the media. This isn't worthy of constant news updates or sensationalist banners lit up in red. All that is going on, is Russians want to see if ukrops will accept their terms. That's it. So nobody should be expecting any breakthroughs, unless all Russia's terms are accepted.

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Russians well know ukrops will not accept their terms. Ukrops don't even intend to talk about any point on the russian list. They have their own. And it's hilarious.

[Reply](#)**hector** 5/15/2025 at 4:01 AM ↑**0**

In view of what you have so correctly stated, why is Lula da Silva insisting that Putin attend that meeting in person? Is Lula unaware of the facts you have pointed out? His inappropriate insistence does not help Russia

pointed out: his inappropriate insistence does not help Russia.

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 **as dubaniew** 5/15/2025 at 6:20 AM ↑


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...no one is going to Turkey to discuss anything happening on the planet's «cosmic gravity» timeline...

«Porno Elite» media is hoping for a script to come true...Lula represents too much worthless mysticism introduced by Spanish Inquisition priests thrown out of EUROPE who landed in South America...millions watching a movie about how Jesus was tortured without even KNOWING the rest of the story – He came back from the «dead» as the next stage set for humanity according to the big «G» God's plan – we are due for a metamorphic change that is possible because once life is initiated, everything also alive exists around it to sustains its evolution...the truth of who we are as a species is so awesome...man acting like a god he does not believe exists has no clue what truth is – truth, beauty and goodness exist all together as one, or not at all. There's no one in China who cares....«you stupid to believe in God»...ditto for the woke in South America...man the myth maker...

cancel Turkey...

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 **Ivana Plavsic** 5/15/2025 at 12:08 PM ↑

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Lula is either ignorant of international negotiations protocol (hard to believe), or is playing into the ignorance of the masses on international negotiations protocol and is just saying nonsense that is supposed to make him look good in the eyes of the global audience, or maybe just his own people, who really knows. Because international negotiations protocol does not make room for the leaders to be present in any stage of negotiations until the actual signing. Instead they delegate negotiating teams and talk through them. This is the standard

through them. This is the standard.

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**h** **hector** 5/15/2025 at 3:51 AM ↑

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You are absolutely correct Eileen.

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 **Trouty McTroutTrout** 5/15/2025 at 11:01 AM

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How I despise that pitiful, gravelling cocaine midget zelensky. Russia are fools to even engage in this meeting. Ooh, gotta show how kind and peaceful you are. Maybe the world will apologize and go back to the way things were lmao. It's pathetic. The whole thing is a charade to convince Trump that Russia are the villains so they can extend the war.

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**R** **Roc Lan** 5/15/2025 at 11:57 AM ↑

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As if whatever the outcome of this meeting has anything to do with what Trump will «decide»(he decides nothing).

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**V** **Velo Cast** 5/15/2025 at 9:55 AM

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Putin doesn't lose nothing, nada engaging directly to Zelensky.  
May the ICC warrant played role?

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**A** **Adam 7868** 5/15/2025 at 11:56 AM ↑

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The only thing the icc warrant did was show how spineless and corrupt the icc are in not wanting to arrest their paymasters

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Correction: «Jonathan Powell, is expected to travel to Türkiye to provide Zelensky with his text»

[Reply](#)**Ford, Alan Ford** 5/15/2025 at 10:36 AM

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The UK national security adviser, Jonathan Powell, is expected to travel to Türkiye to provide background advice to Z

Did anyone doubt that UK would miss the opportunity to get his dirty fingers involved again?!

[Reply](#)**Vinay Devanna** 5/15/2025 at 10:47 AM ↑

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Again UK ?

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