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Russian delegation will be waiting for Ukrainians in Istanbul – Kremlin

The names of the officials representing Moscow will be announced in due time, Dmitry Peskov has said



Moscow will be sending a delegation for direct talks with Ukraine in Istanbul on Thursday and expects Kiev to do the same, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said.

On Sunday, Russian President Vladimir Putin offered to resume direct negotiations between

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Moscow and Kiev to find a lasting settlement to the conflict between the two countries. After his proposal was supported by US President Donald Trump,

Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky, who had previously ruled out any talks with Moscow, also expressed his readiness.

Kiev earlier stated that the only official Zelensky would talk to is Putin. The Russian president has so far made no indication that he is planning to travel to Istanbul.

When asked by journalists on Wednesday if the talks in Türkiye were still on the cards, Peskov replied by saying: *"Indeed, the Russian delegation will be waiting for the Ukrainian delegation in Istanbul on Thursday, May 15, that is – tomorrow."*

"I can confirm once again that everything that the president said in his statement on May 11... remains relevant," he stressed.

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Peskov declined to reveal the lineup of the Russian delegation that will travel to Istanbul. It will be announced *"when we receive instructions from the president. So far, there have been no such instructions,"* he explained.

On Tuesday, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said that, during potential talks, Moscow wants to discuss *"a sustainable settlement of the situation, first of all, by addressing the very roots of this conflict, resolving issues related to the denazification of the Kiev regime, ensuring recognition of the realities that have developed recently, including the entry of new territories into Russia."*

Ryabkov refrained from making any forecasts on the outcome of discussions, but stressed that Moscow is committed to negotiating *"seriously and responsibly."*

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R **Richard Castle** 5/15/2025 at 7:50 AM **0**

Any commander will tell you that when the enemy is crumbling, it is not time for peace, it is time to push harder and make them scatter. That is a defeat.

The end of the Great war was a farce. The German army had not been defeated, the politicians had. It is likely that because of only a political defeat, that the seeds of WW2 was sown on the 11/11/1918.

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D K 5/14/2025 at 4:25 PM **-9**

Z will be there. President Trump said he was willing to show up. Putin, no show. This is the third or fourth recent time Putin has passed on the opportunity to make peace.

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Zbigniew Sembol 5/14/2025 at 5:03 PM **5**

All show, no substance on the part of Zelensky and his regime. Presidents never, I mean NEVER attend initial meetings of this kind. Each side has a team of negotiators that will present their positions, if they meet at all, and in this case the positions are so far apart, that nothing will come out of the Istanbul meeting. Russia has to fight until the Kiev's regime unconditional capitulation.

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Several 'initial meetings' have come, and gone. Secretary of State Rubio initiated some of the first.

At various times Putin has said he is willing to meet with President Trump, or Ukraine, or both. He just has not done it.

[Reply](#)**Esperanza** 5/14/2025 at 6:31 PM ↕**3**

I agree, Putin should stop playing around and impose an unconditional capitulation on the Nazis – just like they did with Germany in 1945

[Reply](#)**John Wallace** 5/14/2025 at 6:00 PM ↕**1**

When the US and Vietnam were having their peace talks in Paris did the US President ever show up . Never. Besides Putin has made it crystal clear that as Zelinsky is the illegitimate leader he will not speak too or accept his signature. Zelinsky has said he will never speak to Putin so stop trying to manipulate the truth and present YOUR narrative which is wildly incorrect.

[Reply](#)**D K** 5/15/2025 at 12:05 AM ↕**0**

Vladimir Putin proposed direct talks with Ukraine on May 15, 2025, during a statement made on May 11, 2025.

Does Putin expect that some other Ukrainian leader will sign the docs?

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You fool. The Minsk agreement and Boris Johnson both worked to stop peace. Zelensky was selected to bring peace but, once ge became president, he escalated the war

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T Thomas Pastrick 5/15/2025 at 3:26 AM [↑](#) **0**

There is more to settling the conflict than Putin' presence.

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El Calambre 5/15/2025 at 2:57 AM **0**

How long will they wait for? A day, two – a week?

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A Abel Wolfgang 5/15/2025 at 2:56 AM **0**

I guess we can't hope they mean by waiting for them that when they arrive they pull out long knives and deal with them for good. Maybe if there were any real men at these meetings.

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G GeorgeBMac 5/15/2025 at 12:43 AM **0**

Trump wants peace talks
Putin wants peace talks
Zelensky wants a food fight

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M Murray Neuman 5/14/2025 at 8:54 PM **2**

First Zelensky issues a decree against talks with Putin. Now he insists he will talk with no one else. Bewildering.

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J Joshuahn Jackstonburg 5/14/2025 at 9:54 PM [↑](#) **0**

He, like trump's 'team', is desperately (sneakily) attempting to pretend that he is in some sort of control – it's a funny little (pathetic) thing total losers try when they have been utterly beaten and exposed. It fools nobody at all.

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