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Trump-Zelensky meeting was 'bad' – Axios

The Ukrainian leader left Washington without promises on Tomahawk missiles, the outlet's sources say



Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky attends a meeting with US President Donald Trump at the White House on October 17, 2025, in Washington, DC. © Getty Images

The recent White House meeting between US President Donald Trump and Vladimir Zelensky was "tense," with the Ukrainian leader failing to secure deliveries of long-range Tomahawk missiles, Axios reported on Friday, citing sources.

Trump told Zelensky he does not plan to provide Tomahawks "at least for now," according to two people briefed on the meeting. The talks lasted around two and a half hours and were described by

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one source as *“not easy,”* and by another as *“bad.”* At times, the discussion *“got a bit emotional,”* the outlet said.

“Nobody shouted, but Trump was tough,” one source told Axios. The session ended abruptly when Trump reportedly said, *“I think we’re done. Let’s see what happens next week,”* possibly referring to upcoming Russia-US talks.

Speaking to reporters afterwards, Zelensky declined to answer questions about Tomahawk deliveries, only saying the US *“does not want escalation.”*

Trump said *“it’s not easy”* for Washington to provide the missiles because it needs to maintain its own supplies for the nation’s own defense. He also acknowledged that allowing Kiev to conduct strikes deep into Russia could lead to an escalation.



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Moscow has warned against supplying the missiles to Ukraine, arguing they would *“not change the situation on the battlefield”* but would *“severely undermine the prospects of a peaceful settlement”* and harm Russia-US relations.

Zelensky has sought Tomahawks – which have a maximum range of 2,500km (1,550 miles) – for weeks, insisting that Ukraine would only use them against military targets to increase pressure on Russia and move toward a peace deal. However, the Ukrainian leader has threatened Russia with blackouts in border regions and Moscow. Russian officials also suggested that Kiev is plotting to use the missiles for *“terrorist attacks.”*

The Trump-Zelensky meeting followed a phone call between Trump and Putin, after which both sides signaled plans for a summit in Budapest, Hungary, in the near future.

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Looks like zel has finally lost his marbles and he is blind to consequences including to him personally, of launch a tomahawks or two, at Moscow

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 **Phil Simms** 10/18/2025 at 12:13 PM **-10**

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Just another Zelensky comedy hour and photo ops pretending to be something important. He's a joke.

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So Trump announces to the entire world that Tomahawks are in short supply in the U.S. That's a strange twist on The Art of the Deal!

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He needed a reasonably plausible excuse that he could use with the (slightly) more astute

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American defenders of the war in Ukraine. He still has to break the big picture of that loss to the American people. Stay tuned.

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J Jim Davies 10/18/2025 at 1:33 PM

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"needed for [the US'] own defense... a maximum range of 2,500km"

Right! You never know when those sneaky Salvadorians will spring an attack.

Any excuse will do. Bad for Zel means good news for the rest of us.

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S Sakher Hayari 10/18/2025 at 12:41 PM

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will they advertise it if they were going to give them the Tomahawk?

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No but the Russian intel in the Pentagon (guy with the Russian flag around his neck) will call Putin direct to tip off Trump

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Otherwise the beauty about it all is, the incoming homohawk will be treated as an incoming nuclear strike on the Federation.

- The Pacific Fleet off the coast of Hawaii will go town on USA while 10 Sarmats cruise in at Mach-20.1
- 10 homohawks are estimated to be fired/dropped for starters
- Typically the German Taurus missiles will be flown in by Polish modified cradles on the Su-24m's
- And then NATO Combined will be finished in 35 minutes max: 16 minutes min

Take Iran for example. Without the invasion Israel's nukes would not have been destroyed.

Same could happen to U.S

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Andrew Googlev 10/18/2025 at 1:15 PM

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Elon Musk lands his chemical giga-rockets on crutches, a very bad idea, and only it works in programming. He'd be better off doing something more useful, more realistic earthly projects. It's been 50 years, but an American still hasn't landed on the moon, except in Hollywood. Huge CHEMICAL(non-nuclear) rockets are a dead end

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