

Trump right about Zelensky stalling peace deal: Kremlin

Warns Kyiv time running out in Ukraine war

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The Kremlin said yesterday that Russia agreed with US President Donald Trump that it was Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, not Russia, who was holding up a potential peace deal to end the war in Ukraine.

Trump's assessment in an interview with Reuters contrasted to that of European allies, who have consistently argued that Moscow has little interest in ending the fighting and wants to take as much territory as it can while seeking to stave off further Western sanctions, reports Reuters.

"I think he's ready to make a deal,"



A protester shields themselves as federal agents fire munitions in Minneapolis, Minnesota, US on Wednesday, amid rising tensions after a federal agent fatally shot a woman last week. President Trump has threatened to deploy the military as unrest roils Minnesota.

PHOTO: REUTERS

US bid to take Greenland 'remains intact'

Says Danish PM after White House talks; Europe sends more troops to the Arctic island

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Denmark's prime minister said yesterday the US ambition to take control of Greenland remained "intact" and that there was still a fundamental disagreement between the countries, despite high-stakes White House talks.

"There is a fundamental disagreement, because the American ambition to take over Greenland remains intact. This is obviously a serious matter, and we are therefore continuing our efforts to prevent this scenario from becoming a reality," Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said in a statement.

European military personnel were due to begin arriving in Greenland yesterday, shortly after the White House talks between American, Danish and Greenlandic officials in Washington failed to resolve "fundamental

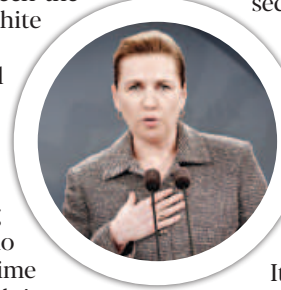
disagreement" over the mineral-rich, strategic Arctic island.

US President Donald Trump has repeatedly vowed to take control of the autonomous Danish territory, arguing that it is vital for US security.

France, Sweden, Germany and Norway announced Wednesday that they would deploy military personnel as part of a reconnaissance mission to Greenland's capital Nuuk.

"Soldiers of Nato are expected to be more present in Greenland from today and in the coming days. It is expected that there will be more military flights and ships," Greenland's deputy prime minister Mute Egede told a news conference on Wednesday, adding they would be "training".

"The first French military personnel are already on their way. Others will follow," French President Emmanuel Macron said on X.



“France and the Europeans must continue to be present wherever their interests are threatened...”

French President Emmanuel Macron



Trump said of Putin when speaking to Reuters in the Oval Office on Wednesday. "I think Ukraine is less ready to make a deal." Asked why US-led negotiations had not yet resolved Europe's largest land conflict since World War Two, Trump responded: "Zelensky."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters when asked that he concurred with Trump: "I agree, that is indeed the case. President Putin and the Russian side remain open (to talks). The Russian position is well known. It is well known to the American negotiators, to President Trump, and to the leadership of the Kyiv regime."

The Kremlin said Ukraine was running out of options to strike a deal to end almost four years of war with Russia, as thousands were without heating in Kyiv in -12C temperatures following waves of Russian strikes on the country's energy grid, reports AFP.

"The situation is deteriorating day by day for the Kyiv regime," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, including AFP, adding that Ukraine's "corridor for decision-making" was "narrowing".

Immunity for July

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Professor Muhammad Yunus at his office.

Nazrul said the government hopes to make the ordinance a law within five to seven days through a gazette notification.

"What we have essentially done is grant immunity to participants of the July mass uprising for actions organised for the purpose of political resistance," he said. "By political resistance, we mean organised activities aimed at overthrowing a fascist government and restoring a democratic system of governance."

For such activities, he said, participants would be exempt from criminal liability for actions organised during July and August.

Explaining the mechanism, the law adviser said that if criminal cases have already been filed against uprising participants for actions linked to political resistance, the government will move to withdraw those cases.

"From now on, no new cases can be filed against them for activities carried out in July and August that were organised for political resistance. Existing cases will be withdrawn, and no new cases will be allowed," he said.

However, Nazrul clarified that the indemnity would not apply to crimes committed for personal gain, greed, revenge, or narrow self-interest.

"If, during July and August, someone committed murder in the name of political resistance but actually for personal gain, greed, revenge, or narrow interests, they will not be exempt from criminal liability," he said. "Such killings are not related to the July mass uprising, nor to the objective of political resistance."

He emphasised that the ordinance was enacted solely to protect those collectively involved in organised efforts to overthrow the fascist government and restore democracy.

Nazrul said that if a victim's family believes a killing was driven by personal motives and had no connection to political resistance, they may approach the National Human Rights Commission.

"If the commission finds that the killing was committed for personal and narrow interests, it will investigate and submit a report to the court," he said. "That report will be treated in the same manner as a police investigation report."

Responding to a question about killings of police during the uprising, he reiterated that any killing outside the scope of political resistance would also fall under the commission's review.

"If the Human Rights Commission finds that a killing truly has no connection with the July mass uprising, its report will be treated by the court in the same way as a police investigation report," he said.

Nazrul added that the National Human Rights Commission would be formed by January 31, noting that the selection committee has already held its first meeting.

"A public notice will likely be published today or tomorrow. By January 31, we aim to form the strongest, most powerful, and, Insha'Allah, the most effective Human Rights Commission in Bangladesh's history," he said.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam also spoke at the press conference.

Earlier, on October 14, 2024, the home ministry issued a notification instructing that those linked to the July uprising should not be arrested or harassed.

Students launched their protests against the quota system in government jobs on July 1, 2024. The movement quickly gathered force, driven by what protesters described as the then government's harsh and brutal response.

What began as a call for reform soon swelled into a nationwide anti-government uprising, demanding the resignation of then prime minister Sheikh Hasina. The movement reached its climax with her ouster on August 5.

About 1,400 people were killed during the uprising, according to a United Nations fact-finding mission.

An interim government was formed on August 8, 2024 following the dissolution of the then parliament.

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