

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



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".

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

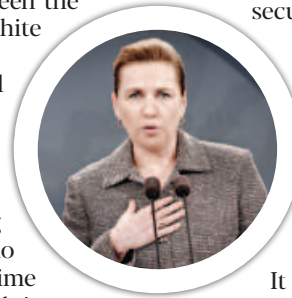
disagreement" over the mineral-rich, strategic Arctic island.

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



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US launches Gaza plan's 2nd phase Forms Palestinian committee; Fatah, Hamas endorse the panel

REUTERS, Cairo

The United States said on Wednesday it is launching the second phase of its plan to end the Gaza war, even as key elements of the first phase - including a complete ceasefire between Israel and Hamas - remain unfulfilled.

The first phase has been shaken by issues including Israeli airstrikes that have killed hundreds in Gaza, the failure to retrieve the remains of one last Israeli hostage, and Israeli delays in reopening Gaza's border crossing with Egypt.

By pressing on with phase two, the United States and its mediator partners will need to tackle the even more vexing challenges of disarming Palestinian group Hamas, which has refused to give up its arms, and deploying an international peacekeeping force.

Announcing the second phase in a social media post, President Donald Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff said it "establishes a transitional technocratic Palestinian administration in Gaza" and would begin the process of disarmament and reconstruction.

The Palestinian body will have 15 members and will be led by Ali Shaath, a former deputy minister in the Western-backed Palestinian Authority who had been in charge of developing industrial zones, according to a joint statement by mediators Egypt, Qatar and Turkey.

A senior Hamas official yesterday welcomed the formation of the technocratic committee, saying it would help consolidate the ceasefire and prevent a return to fighting.

Israel and Hamassigned off in October on Trump's plan, which says that the Palestinian technocratic body will be overseen by the international "Board of Peace" that is meant to govern Gaza for a transitional period.

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