

## INTERNATIONAL

Russia, Ukraine  
still differ on  
key issues

Says Zelensky after two-day peace talks in Geneva

AFP, Kyiv

Ukraine and Russia did not find agreement on the central issues of how to end the four-year at US-mediated talks in Geneva, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said yesterday.

"We can see that some groundwork has been done, but for now the positions differ, because the negotiations were not easy," Zelensky said in a message to journalists, including from AFP, after the talks had finished.

He said the fate of occupied territory in Ukraine's east and the future status of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, captured by Russian forces, were the unresolved "sensitive issues" in the talks. Zelensky accused Russia of "trying to drag out negotiations" when they could have reached the final stage.

However, Ukraine's lead negotiator Rustem Umerov



Heavy machinery demolishes a Palestinian building near Hebron in the Israeli-occupied West Bank yesterday. A senior Israeli far-right minister vowed to encourage "emigration" from the Palestinian territories, despite mounting criticism of recent measures tightening Israel's control over West Bank. PHOTO: REUTERS

Ukraine's chief negotiator sees 'progress' in talks

Russia 'trying to drag out' Geneva

talks: Zelensky

Ukraine peace talks 'difficult, but business-like': Russia

said he there had been progress in talks with United States and Russia on ending the war.

"We are focused on working through the key provisions required to finalise the process. This is complex work that requires alignment among all parties and sufficient time. There is progress but no details can be disclosed at this stage," he told reporters.

The talks wrapped up after just two hours, much shorter than the six hours of meetings on Tuesday, according to the head of Russia's delegation.

Neither side elaborated on what they discussed or whether they had agreed on anything, but both signalled the discussions had been tricky.

Russia's top negotiator said two days of talks were "difficult", but fresh talks would be held soon. "They were difficult, but business-like. The next meeting will take place in the near future," Russia's Vladimir Medinsky told state media reporters after the talks.

Meanwhile, Ukraine reduced electricity imports by three percent to around 311 gigawatt hours last week amid milder weather, analyst DixiGroup said late on Tuesday.

Iran resisting Trump's  
'red lines': Vance

AFP, Washington

Iran has not agreed to all the "red lines" set out by US President Donald Trump for a diplomatic solution, Vice President JD Vance said Tuesday after talks in Geneva.

Vance appeared to indicate that the US was still interested in diplomacy, after Trump threatened force if Iran's clerical state does not agree on key concerns starting with its nuclear program.

"In some ways, it went well; they agreed to meet afterwards," Vance said in a Fox News interview.

"But in other ways, it was very clear that the president has set some red lines that the Iranians are not yet willing to actually

acknowledge and work through," Vance told "The Story with Martha MacCallum" programme.

"We're going to keep on working it. But of course, the president reserves the ability to say when he thinks that diplomacy has reached its natural end," Vance said.

"We hope we don't get to that point, but if we do that will be the president's call."

The US will deter Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons "one way or the other," US Energy Secretary Chris Wright warned yesterday.

Meanwhile, Iran and Russia will conduct naval manoeuvres in the Sea of Oman today, Iranian media reported.

On Monday, the Revolutionary

Guards, the ideological arm of Iran's military, also launched exercises in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a challenge to US naval forces deployed in the region.

"The joint naval exercise of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Russia will take place tomorrow (today) in the Sea of Oman and in the northern Indian Ocean," the ISNA agency reported, citing an official.

"The aim is to strengthen maritime security and to deepen relations between the navies of the two countries," he said, without specifying the duration of the drill.

The war games come as Iran struck an upbeat tone following the second round of Oman-mediated negotiations in Geneva on Tuesday.

Japan PM Takaichi  
reappointed  
following election

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's lower house formally reappointed Sanae Takaichi as prime minister yesterday, 10 days after her historic landslide election victory.

Takaichi, 64, became Japan's first woman premier in October and won a two-thirds majority for her party in the snap lower house elections on February 8.

She has pledged to bolster Japan's defences to protect its territory and waters, likely further straining relations with Beijing, and to boost the flagging economy.

Takaichi suggested in November that Japan could intervene militarily if Beijing sought to take Taiwan by force.

China, which regards the democratic island as part of its territory and has not ruled out force to annex it, was furious.

Beijing's top diplomat Wang Yi told the Munich Security Conference on Saturday that forces in Japan were seeking to "revive militarism".

CENTRAL NIGERIA  
Gas explosion  
kills 38 miners

AFP, Jos Plateau

A gas explosion yesterday killed at least 38 lead miners who were down the pits at a mine in central Nigeria's Plateau state, local sources told AFP.

Twenty-seven others were injured in the blast at the Kampanin Zurak mining site in Plateau state's Bashar district, the acting traditional ruler told AFP.

"It is true that so far 38 people are confirmed dead and about 27 others have been rushed to hospital," Alhaji Aliyu Adamu Idris said.

Ibrahim Dattijo Sani, a miner at a nearby pit, told AFP that the victims were in the mines below ground where the explosion happened between 7:30 and 8:00 am (0630 and 0700 GMT).

"We are close to the sites, people were inside the mining pits and suddenly a gas exploded," Sani told AFP by telephone.

The west African country has seen similar fatal mine accidents in the past.

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