

## 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

Ukraine's chief negotiator sees 'progress' in talks  
Russia 'trying to drag out' Geneva

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



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

## Thai forces still occupying territory: Cambodian PM

REUTERS, Washington

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet told Reuters on Tuesday that Thai forces are occupying Cambodian territory after fighting last year despite a peace accord brokered by US President Donald Trump, and called on Thailand to allow a joint boundary commission to begin working on their disputed border.

In his first interview with international media, Hun Manet, who took over power from his father in 2023, hailed warmer ties with Washington and said his government was working to address cyber scam centers.

Hun Manet travelled to Washington to attend a meeting of



Trump's Board of Peace this week, and said he hoped the new body could play a role in de-escalating the situation on the border, which he described as "fragile" despite a December ceasefire that ended renewed fighting.

The board was created to oversee a Gaza peace plan, but Trump has said it could take on a broader role. Thailand has said it is

maintaining troop positions as part of de-escalation measures and has denied it is occupying territory.

"We are adhering to the joint statement, which agreed to maintain existing troop deployments. There has been no reinforcement," Thailand's Defense Ministry spokesperson, Rear Admiral Surasant Kongsiri, told Reuters.

The comments from Cambodia's leader on the border conflict underscore the risk that the conflict could reignite once again despite Trump continuing to promote the success of the peace deal.

The worst fighting in more than a decade, which broke out in July, has displaced hundreds of thousands of people and disrupted trade across the 508-mile (817-km) border.

## 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.

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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