Presidents Trump & Zelenskyy talk today at the White House

Presidents Zelenskyy and Trump at the White House this morning.

Last Wednesday President Zelenskyy said in a post on X that he had just spoken by phone with President Trump's envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner: “It was a good, important conversation on how to reinvigorate diplomacy and bring peace closer. Peace is needed – peace with dignity, and Ukraine has long been ready for it. Our teams keep staying in close contact, including to follow up on everything we have discussed. I thank Steve and Jared for their personal efforts to advance peace. We are grateful to President Trump and the American people for their unwavering support.” He said he would be in Washington today for the funeral of Sen. Lindsey Graham and would meet with President Trump this morning.

This morning Trump and Zelenskyy met at the White House. On arriving for the meeting, Zelenskyy said “the number one priority is anti-ballistic defense and strategic cooperation with America. Peace needs to be brought closer.” Following the meeting, which lasted an hour, Zelenskyy said in a post on X, “A good meeting with President Trump at the Oval Office. Thank you for everything we do together to protect the lives of Ukrainians and advance peace. The President and I discussed licenses for Patriot interceptor production and several other ideas that could help. We also spoke about diplomacy – it’s important that the diplomatic process be reinvigorated. Our teams will arrange the details of their further communication. I am grateful to the United States for its firm support.” (Trump had said at the NATO summit in Ankara three weeks ago that the U.S. would give Ukraine a license to produce Patriot interceptor missiles.)

This afternoon Presidents Trump and Zelenskyy attended the funeral service for Sen. Graham.

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