Presidents Trump & Zelenskyy discuss their peace plans in Florida, and Trump speaks with Putin before and after the Florida meeting.

Presidents Zelenskyy and Trump and their officials at Mar-a-Lago yesterday.

On Nov. 20, 2025, President Trump announced a 28-point peace plan to end the war in Ukraine. After several discussions between U.S. and Ukrainian officials, last Tuesday President Zelenskyy announced a revised 20-point peace plan. That plan was subsequently discussed with U.S. officials and by the U.S. officials with Russian officials and arrangements were made for Presidents Trump and Zelenskyy to discuss their plans at Mar-a-Lago in Florida yesterday.

Prior to that meeting, President Trump spoke by phone with President Putin. We don't know what was said in the call; in a Truth Social post, Trump said only, "I just had a good and very productive telephone call with President Putin." However, we do know something more about that call from a post on Putin's site by Yury Ushakov, his foreign policy adviser. In the post, Ushakov said: "The conversation took place at the US President's initiative. The US President wished to discuss the current developments in the context of the Ukrainian conflict and its potential resolution with the President of Russia. President Trump wished to discuss these matters before his in-person meeting with Zelensky later today at Mar-a-Lago, Florida. Logically, at the beginning of the conversation that continued for 1 hour and 15 minutes, the presidents exchanged warm Christmas and New Year greetings and, naturally, wished happiness to both nations. The rest of the conversation was similarly friendly, good-natured and business-like, with mutual interest in making progress towards a long-term resolution of the Ukrainian conflict. Donald Trump paid close attention to Russia's assessment of the realistic prospects for an agreement, and to our President's detailed rationale for the fundamental

importance of continuing to build upon the Russian - American understandings established during the Anchorage summit and the numerous subsequent contacts between the two administrations. Most significantly, the Russian and US presidents share a broadly similar view that the temporary ceasefire proposed by Ukraine and Europe – under the pretext of preparing for a referendum or other such measures – would merely prolong the conflict and risk a renewed escalation on the battlefield. A definitive cessation of hostilities requires, first and foremost, a bold and responsible political decision from Kiev, one that aligns with the ongoing discussions through the Russian - American channel. Given the evolving situation on the front lines, it would be in the Ukrainian regime's interest to make such a decision regarding Donbass without further delay. Donald Trump repeatedly emphasised the necessity of ending the war as swiftly as possible and spoke of the impressive prospects for economic cooperation between the United States and both Russia and Ukraine that would open up once the hostilities are over. He acknowledged that the Ukrainian crisis has been his most formidable foreign policy challenge, stating that he now saw renewed proof of Russia's commitment to a political and diplomatic settlement. It is with this understanding that he intends to frame his forthcoming negotiations with Zelensky. It is particularly noteworthy that during today's conversation, the Russian President acceded to the American proposal to continue efforts to resolve the Ukrainian situation through two specially established working groups. One will address various security dimensions, and the other, economic matters. The terms for launching these working groups will be finalised in the near future, most likely in early January. Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump agreed to speak again by telephone promptly after the US President's meeting with the Ukrainian delegation at Mar-a-Lago this evening."

After his meeting with Zelenskyy, Trump spoke by phone again with Putin, and Ushakov again posted an extensive summary of the conversation: "As agreed earlier, another telephone conversation took place today between the presidents of Russia and the United States. Donald Trump and his key advisers who were present during the call provided a detailed briefing on the main outcomes of yesterday's talks with the Ukrainian delegation at Mar-a-Lago. In their presentation, that is, the American presentation, during these talks the US side took an assertive stance in promoting the idea that Kiev needs to take real steps towards the final settlement of the conflict instead of using demands for a temporary ceasefire as cover. Zelensky was advised to not even try to secure a respite for his armed forces but instead focus on achieving a comprehensive agreement that would lead to the actual end to the armed conflict. Donald Trump informed [the President of Russia] about certain results achieved by Zelensky's team precisely in this direction, but which nevertheless, in our assessment, still leave the Kiev authorities room for various interpretations in order to evade fulfilment of their commitments. And of course, Vladimir Putin drew attention of his counterpart Donald Trump to the fact that practically immediately after what the US side considers a successful round of talks at Mar-a-Lago, the Kiev regime carried out a terrorist attack involving a barrage of long-range unmanned aerial vehicles, an attack on the state residence of the President of Russia in the Novgorod

Region. The Russian side clearly stated that such reckless terrorist acts will, of course, not go unanswered and will meet with the most serious response. The US President was shocked by this information, literally outraged. He said that he could not even imagine such irrational actions. And, as was stated, this will undoubtedly affect the approaches of the United States in the context of working with Zelensky, to whom the current administration, as Donald Trump himself said, did not, thankfully, give Tomahawks."

"Vladimir Putin emphasised that the Russian side intends to continue close and productive work with its US partners in searching for ways to achieve peace. However, naturally, with regard to a number of agreements reached at the previous stage and the newly outlined solutions, Russia's position will be revised. This was stated very clearly, and the Americans should treat this with understanding. Since Kiev is using the state terrorism, the Russian side cannot act otherwise. Such was the nature of the conversation, at the end of which both presidents, in a very friendly manner, agreed to maintain dialogue onwards. Thank you very much."

Today, Zelenskyy said the U.S. will offer Ukraine a security guarantee for a period of 15 years as part of a proposed peace plan, although he said he would have preferred a 50-year guarantee. And in the meantime, the war goes on, with no end in sight.

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