

Zelensky Announces Talks with Russia as Putin Ups Nuclear Saber-Rattling, Fighting Drags On



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky analyzes weapons as he participates in tactical military workouts at a training ground in the Rivne Region, Ukraine, February 16, 2022
(Ukrainian Presidential Press Service/Handout through Reuters)

Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky stated Sunday that a Ukrainian delegation would take part in talks with a Russian delegation on the Ukrainian–Belarusian border “without prerequisites.”

Zelensky revealed the talks on his authorities Telegram channel following a phone call with President Aleksandr Lukashenko of Belarus on Sunday, according to a number of news outlets.

Lukashenko has “taken duty for guaranteeing that all airplanes, helicopters and rocket stationed on

Belarusian area stay on the ground throughout the Ukrainian delegation's travel, talks and return," the Ukrainian president stated.

Zelensky had formerly decreased an earlier demand for talks in Belarus, stating it was not neutral area.

News of the talks came as Russian president Vladimir Putin stated Sunday that he had put Russia's nuclear-deterrent forces on high alert in action to current sanctions and "aggressive declarations" from NATO nations.

Putin stated in a telecasted declaration that he had purchased the nuclear deterrent forces in a "special routine of battle responsibility."

The relocation comes on the 4th day of battling given that Russia attacked Ukraine. Russian forces went into Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, prior to dawn on Sunday, interesting in metropolitan battle and blowing up a gas pipeline in the city.

Elsewhere, Russian forces assaulted airfields and fuel centers while Ukrainian forces held on to the capital, Kyiv.

A set of surges were heard simply in the past 1 a.m. local time — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky stated one blast occurred near the Zhuliany airport while the mayor of Vaslykiv stated the 2nd took place at an oil depot 25 miles south of the capital, according to the Associated Press.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian authorities bought homeowners in the nation's capital to stay inside your home up until Monday early morning as authorities search for Russian moles who clashed with Ukrainian soldiers and civilian volunteers in shootouts overnight. Residents invested another night in bomb shelters and basements as surges hit the city.

The Ukrainian military stated it had obstructed a ballistic rocket fired at Kyiv from Belarus, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

One of Russia's airstrikes hit Okhmatdyt, a kids's medical facility in main Kyiv, leaving one kid dead and others hurt.

The United Nations stated there have actually been at least 240 civilian casualties, consisting of at least 64 deaths, as a outcome of the intrusion that started Thursday, the AP reported. However, the UN alerted the toll might be "considerably greater."

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