

## Trump-Putin Meeting To Proceed Amid Tariff Pressure

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U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin will hold a bilateral meeting in the coming days, the Kremlin confirms, as diplomatic pressure from Washington intensifies over the ongoing war in Ukraine. The development follows Trump's recent threats of severe tariffs on Moscow and its trading partners, aimed at forcing a ceasefire.

Kremlin foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov stated that the meeting was proposed by the U.S. side and agreed to “in principle,” though exact details have not yet been disclosed. The anticipated meeting signals a shift in U.S. diplomatic engagement, with Trump now pursuing a direct approach to de-escalate the conflict.

This comes shortly after Trump briefed European allies and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on his evolving plan, which includes potential face-to-face talks with Putin. According to diplomatic sources, Trump floated the idea of a three-party summit, but the Kremlin quickly dismissed any possibility of Zelenskyy joining such discussions.

Russian officials emphasized that Moscow is only open to bilateral talks and has no plans to engage in a broader summit. The Kremlin’s stance underscores a continued reluctance to recognize Ukraine as an equal party in negotiations, even as the conflict drags on and international calls for a resolution mount.

The announcement of the Trump-Putin meeting arrives as the U.S. administration considers additional economic measures and underscores its demand for an immediate ceasefire. With tensions running high and the conflict’s humanitarian toll growing, Washington appears determined to pursue a more aggressive diplomatic path, even if it means bypassing traditional multilateral frameworks.

While specifics of the meeting agenda remain unknown, the talks are expected to focus on halting hostilities, securing a pathway to de-escalation, and determining the scope of future sanctions or tariffs. Trump’s administration has signaled that failure to comply with ceasefire

expectations could trigger swift economic consequences for Russia and its affiliates.

As geopolitical dynamics continue to shift, the outcome of the meeting could carry significant implications for U.S.-Russia relations, NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) cohesion, and the broader balance of power in Eastern Europe.