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Zelensky Calls Putin Truce Proposal 'Attempt at Manipulation'

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Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky on Monday branded a three-day truce announced by his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin as an "attempt at manipulation."

"Now there's a new attempt at manipulation: for some reason, everyone has to wait until May 8," Zelensky said in his daily address.

Putin on Monday ordered the ceasefire on May 8-10, which coincides with Moscow's World War II commemorations, drawing ire from Kyiv, which demanded Moscow pause hostilities immediately.

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> We in Ukraine never wanted a single second of this war. Back on March 11, we responded positively to the American proposal for a full ceasefire. We made our own proposal to Russia – bilaterally – to halt strikes at least on civilian targets. We also proposed making the Easter... pic.twitter.com/Tp9EiF0yFp
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> — Volodymyr Zelenskyy / Володимир Зеленський (@ZelenskyyUa) April 28, 2025

Ukraine said that it wanted an immediate truce with Russia for "at least 30 days."

"If Russia truly wants peace, it must cease fire immediately. Why wait until May 8?" Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha wrote on X.

The United States has warned that this week would be "critical" for determining whether peace was possible.

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