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# Kremlin Tempers Expectations for Ukraine Peace Talks, Says It Awaits Kyiv's Response to Proposals

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Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov. **kremlin.ru**

The Kremlin said Tuesday that negotiations on ending the war in Ukraine were "extremely complex" and that it would be wrong to expect any sudden breakthroughs, adding that it was waiting for Kyiv's reaction to its proposals.

Top spokesman Dmitry Peskov spoke to reporters a day after Russian negotiators told their Ukrainian counterparts at talks in Turkey that Russia would only end the fighting if Kyiv ceded large swaths of territory and accepted limits on the size of its military.

Though it has dismissed similar demands in the past, Ukraine said it would consider Moscow's proposals before issuing a formal reply.

"The issue of a peace settlement is extremely complex. There are many nuances, and

yesterday you saw the published draft of the memorandum we handed over to the Ukrainian side," Peskov told journalists.

"Of course, it would be wrong to expect any immediate solutions and breakthroughs here, but work is underway. Certain agreements were reached in Istanbul, and they are important," he added. "The agreements will be implemented, and then the work will continue."

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At the same time, Peskov said Moscow and Washington have not yet planned any new phone calls or meetings between President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President Donald Trump. However, he said Putin was ready for a meeting with Trump, given proper planning.

Still, Peskov said it was unlikely that Putin, Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky would hold face-to-face talks together anytime soon.

Asked if Russia was ready to compromise on any of its own proposals for an end to the war in Ukraine, Peskov declined to comment.

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