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U.S. Proposed New Round of Ukraine Peace Talks in UAE, Zelensky Says

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Donald Trump meets with Volodymyr Zelensky on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly on Sept. 22, 2026. **REUTERS / Kylie Cooper**

The United States has proposed that the United Arab Emirates host a trilateral meeting with Ukraine and Russia to discuss efforts to end the war, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Friday.

"The American side has proposed... meeting at a technical level in a three-way format," Zelensky told reporters in a briefing via WhatsApp. "We are awaiting a proposal from the United States regarding the date, and the United States has suggested the Emirates as a possible location."

Zelensky held talks this week with U.S. President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, where they discussed ways to bring an end to the war, launched by Russia's February 2022 full-scale invasion.

Following his meeting with Trump, Zelensky said Ukrainian negotiators met with their U.S. counterparts to discuss the details of a possible trilateral meeting.

"We will inform and discuss these details with the European side, the Americans will talk to the Russians, and we will return in 10 days with either a new perspective or a result," Zelensky said.

The Kremlin said on Friday that a trilateral meeting with Ukraine and the U.S. could happen soon but did not provide further details.

Zelensky said he asked Trump to raise the Ukraine war during his talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is on a state visit to the U.S. The Ukrainian president said he was awaiting feedback from U.S. officials about working to de-escalate the war ahead of winter.

He warned European governments, meanwhile, that Russia would continue its so-called hybrid attacks against them, and said that Ukraine had offered help to thwart them. The Kremlin has denied being behind acts of sabotage in European countries in recent months.

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