

Trump Asks Musk to Lift Ukraine Starlink Restrictions, WSJ Reports

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Starlink equipment in car bodies in Ukraine. [Mil.gov.ua](#)

U.S. President Donald Trump called Elon Musk and asked him to lift restrictions on Ukraine's use of Starlink, The Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday, citing U.S. officials.

The Starlink system was working more normally on Thursday, shortly after the Trump-Musk conversation, according to U.S. and Ukrainian officials cited by the Journal.

Some Ukrainian officials told the newspaper the system was not restored to full functionality but was working at higher speeds than under the cap.

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President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said earlier on Thursday that Starlink speed had not been restored for Ukraine, adding that he hoped for talks with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio

in the coming days.

Trump told Musk he was frustrated the system's speeds remained capped at around 100 mph (160 kph), the Journal said, citing officials.

Rubio said on Wednesday that decisions regarding Ukraine's access to Starlink were up to its parent company SpaceX and its CEO Musk, not the White House.

Ukraine uses Starlink for battlefield communications and drone operations. Restricting the satellite service hampered the country's attack and air defense drone missions against Russia.

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