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Trump Threatens Russia With Tariffs, Commits to Selling Weapons to NATO to Arm Ukraine

In an announcement during a Monday Oval Office meeting with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Secretary General Mark Rutte, President Donald Trump gave Russian leaders 50 days to make peace with their neighbor or face “secondary tariffs” of 100 percent. In the meantime, the pipeline of American weapons to Ukraine will continue flowing.



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Russia: Make a Deal or Face Tariffs

Trump said in the meeting:

We are very unhappy with Russia.... We're going to be doing very severe tariffs if we don't have a deal in 50 days.... We want to see [the war] end. And I'm disappointed in President [Vladimir] Putin because I thought we would've had a deal two months ago. But it doesn't seem to get there.

Rutte could barely contain his glee at the president's newfound willingness to pour more fuel on the Ukraine-Russia dumpster fire.

Trump said the tariffs he is considering would be “secondary tariffs,” which means they would be leveled against Russia's trading partners, part of a strategy to further isolate Moscow from the global economy.

BREAKING: President Trump just gave Russia 50 days to strike a peace deal with Ukraine before he enacts secondary tariffs at 100% to cripple them economically.

It's time for Russia to put up or take the lashing:

"If we do not have a deal in 50 days, at 100%, and that is the way...

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— Gunther Eagleman™ (@GuntherEagleman) [July 14, 2025](#)

From America to NATO to Ukraine

Trump also announced an official weapons deal with NATO, which Rutte made clear will go toward arming Ukraine. “We've made a deal today where we are going to be sending them weapons and they're going to be paying for them. We're not buying it, but we will manufacture it, and they're going to be paying for it,” Trump said Monday. Ukraine will be getting a shipment of as many as 17 Patriot missile



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systems soon.

The move was, of course, music to the ears of the neocon-dominated faction of Senate Republicans.

Senate Republicans applaud President Trump's decision to arm Ukraine through NATO purchases of American weapons.

This is good for America, good for our allies, and it means crucial investments in U.S. jobs.

Peace through strength. pic.twitter.com/e6OKepZu9n

— Senate Republicans (@SenateGOP) [July 14, 2025](#)

Frustrated With Putin

Trump has become increasingly frustrated with Russian leader Vladimir Putin over the last few weeks. He recently referred to their conversations as “meaningless.” On Monday, the president reiterated the reasons for his frustration, saying:

I speak to him a lot about getting this thing done. And I always hang up and say, “Well, that was a nice phone call.” And then missiles are launched into Kyiv or some other city. And after that happens three or four times, you say the talk doesn't mean anything.

In the past Trump has failed to recognize Kremlin attacks that were responses to Ukrainian attacks deep within Russia. In late May, Russia launched a blistering barrage comprising hundreds of drone and missile strikes, including on the Ukrainian capital. Trump accused the Russians of attacking “for no reason whatsoever.” But prior to that attack, Ukraine had wreaked havoc within Russia over a span of five days, launching more than 700 drone strikes. Trump's inability to acknowledge the retaliatory nature of the Russian strikes was astounding, given that even legacy media had [published](#) several reports corroborating the fact. The Russians had further accused Ukraine of hitting civilian infrastructure including bridges that same week.

Nevertheless, Western leaders who have wanted the U.S. to stay close to Ukraine and keep them in the fight have, for the time, prevailed.

Murky U.S. Strategy

The Russians, meanwhile, continue to maintain that they're trying to resume peace negotiations with Ukraine. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Galuzin told state media organ *Izvestia* on Monday that “the Kremlin is currently awaiting signals from Kiev that would indicate a willingness to resume direct talks.” The problem, however, according to the Russians, is that Ukraine's position is murky — and it's murky because the United States can't settle on a clear and consistent strategy.

Russian news agency TASS [reported](#):

Ukraine's next steps in the negotiation process cannot be assessed without taking into account the position of the United States, which remains Kiev's primary ally, albeit not without reservations. Recently, Washington's actions have appeared increasingly inconsistent. According to experts, the absence of a clear American stance further



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complicates the atmosphere ahead of a possible third round of negotiations.

TASS also quoted Russian political scientist Denis Denisov, who reiterated the absence of a clear and consistent strategy by the U.S. He said:

Russia's position remains unchanged, as we can judge from official statements. Ukraine's position also remains the same. But does the United States even have a coherent position? They give us no reason to believe that one exists. What we see is a collection of impulsive demands and slogans.

Trump's critics in the U.S. have voiced similar complaints. The president can't make up his mind whether Ukraine or Russia is harder to negotiate with. He can't make up his mind whether Ukraine or Russia started the war. And he can't make up his mind what role the U.S. will play. Months ago, he threatened to walk away from the negotiating process altogether and let them fight it out. And more recently, the administration diverted a shipment of anti-drone weaponry away from Ukraine, followed by the short pause of another weapons cache to Ukraine. But by Monday, not only had that weapons cache recommenced, but the administration had made it clear it will indirectly continue arming Ukraine.

Not Our Business

The noninterventionist position is that America has no business being involved in Eastern Europe at all. Neither Russia nor Ukraine poses a threat to the homeland. There is more to lose by proxy involvement than there is to gain. Moreover, the U.S. should exit NATO altogether, as it is destined to draw the U.S. into conflict.

Some experts on the matter argue that covert U.S. involvement triggered the war in the first place, specifically referring to America's likely behind-the-scenes involvement in Ukraine's 2014 Maidan Revolution. That event resulted in major changes to Ukraine's government and its positions. Afterward, Ukraine began taking a number of steps toward NATO membership, a red line Russia has made known for decades. (You can read more about this in our reports [here](#) and [here](#).)

During Monday's meeting, Rutte made a comment that truly speaks to the situation. "In the end, you are the police agent of the whole world," he said, referring to the United States. Trump didn't even interrupt, much less push back.

"You are the police agent of the whole world." That's how NATO's new chief, Mark Rutte, flattered Trump while announcing Europe will 100% pay for a massive US weapons supply to Ukraine.

Under this deal:

- The US supplies the weapons.
- Europe pays the bill.
- Ukraine bleeds... pic.twitter.com/nkhqyievty

— TAM (@Awakeningmedia1) [July 14, 2025](#)

The trouble with that is, a majority of Trump's constituents don't want America to be the world's police



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force. That's what the globalists want. In fact, it was Trump's promises to put America first and discontinue policies that put the U.S. in the center of every major conflict in the world that appealed greatly to the millions of people who voted for him. But six months into the second Trump presidency, America's decades-long foreign policy of playing global police remains unshaken.



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