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Ukraine sends ceasefire memo, urges Russia to respond ahead of June 2 peace talks, Umerov says. Ukrainian Defense Minister Rustem Umerov said on May 28 that Kyiv is still awaiting the Russian side's proposed ceasefire memorandum, which was expected following peace talks in Turkey earlier this month.

10:01 pm

WAR UPDATE

Ukraine war latest: Moscow proposes next round of Russia-Ukraine talks on June 2 in Istanbul

7:40 pm (Updated: May 28, 2025 9:51 pm)

Moscow proposes next round of Russia-Ukraine talks on June 2 in Istanbul.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said the talks would be a continuation of negotiations launched in Istanbul on May 16.

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Russia will not hand over control of Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant to US, Lavrov says

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov speaks at the Antalya Diplomacy Forum 2024 in Antalya, Turkey, on March 1, 2024. (Mert Gokhan Koc/ dia images via Getty Images)



Turkey, the Drone Coalition will grow to 20 member states.

8:43 pm

11 more Ukrainian Children rescued from Russian-occupied territories, Yermak's advisor says. Among those rescued is a young girl whose mother and brother, both defenders of the Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol, spent more than three years in Russian captivity.

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3:49 am (Updated: May 28, 2025 8:37 pm)

Ukrainian drones hit Russian cruise missile factory, SBU source says, in one of largest reported strikes of full-scale war. Dozens of Ukrainian drones were shot down by Russian air defenses as they approached Moscow, Mayor Sergey Sobyanin claimed on May 28.

8:35 pm

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov dismissed the idea of any changes to the management of the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) in an interview with CBS News on April 26.

"No, we never received such an offer and if we do, we will explain that the power station is run by the Russian Federation state corporation called Rosatom," Lavrov said. "If not for the Ukrainian regular attempts to attack the station and to create a nuclear disaster for Europe and for Ukraine as well, the safety requirements are fully implemented and it is in very good hands."

He also added that the plant is under permanent monitoring by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) personnel.

When asked whether this response took into account the reported proposal for U.S. management of the ZNPP, Lavrov **responded**, "No, I don't think any change is conceivable."

The U.S. has reportedly proposed that control over the ZNPP be returned to Ukraine before transferring its management to the U.S. to supply electricity to areas under both Ukrainian and Russian control.

The Zaporizhzhia plant's **location**, the city of **Enerhodar** in Zaporizhzhia Oblast on the east bank of the Dnipro River, remains under Russian occupation, and Ukraine has no access to the surrounding territory.

While the station remains under Russian control, it does not generate electricity. The facility has been repeatedly



U.S. President Donald Trump said he disapproved of Russia's recent missile attacks on Ukrainian cities during ongoing diplomatic efforts. "That's no good. We're not going to allow it," he said.

7:09 pm

EU announces new Black Sea security strategy to counter Russian threats, top diplomat says. EU High Representative Kaja Kallas proposed creating a Black Sea Maritime Security Hub, envisioned as an early warning and monitoring system that would enhance situational awareness and protect key infrastructure.

6:52 pm

Russia proposed new date and location for peace talks with Ukraine, Medinsky says. Russian presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky claimed he personally called Ukrainian Defense Minister Rustem Umerov to suggest holding a meeting "in the coming days" to exchange draft memoranda outlining conditions for a potential ceasefire.

6:30 pm

NASA astronaut on Russian colleagues backing war against Ukraine. The Kyiv Independent's Kollen Post sits down with retired U.S. astronaut Col. Terry W. Virts to discuss his time aboard the International Space Station alongside Russian colleagues in 2014–2015, during Russia's annexation of Crimea and invasion of Ukraine's eastern regions.

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Lavrov also justified recent Russian missile strikes on Kyiv, claiming they targeted military sites. "We will continue to target the sites used by the military of Ukraine, by some mercenaries from foreign countries and by instructors whom the Europeans officially sent," he said.

This comes just days after a large-scale Russian missile and drone [attack](#) on Kyiv took place on April 24, killing 12 people and injuring almost 90.



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