

Trump vs. Putin: The High-Stakes Call That May Change History

President Donald Trump recently wrapped up a nearly three-hour call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, discussing what could be a significant step toward ending the war in Ukraine.

As reported by The Daily Wire, the two leaders have agreed to initiate a ceasefire in key areas, including energy and infrastructure, while also negotiating a maritime ceasefire in the Black Sea. The goal? “Full ceasefire and permanent peace,” according to a White House statement.

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The call was reportedly positive, with both Trump and Putin acknowledging that the war has drained “blood and treasure” from Ukraine and Russia alike. In other words, both sides are losing more than they’re gaining.

There was also talk about improving relations, with the statement noting, “The two leaders agreed that a future with an improved bilateral relationship between the United States and Russia has huge upside. This includes enormous economic deals and geopolitical stability when peace has been achieved.”

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The Middle East also made its way into the conversation, with Trump and Putin agreeing on the need to curb strategic weapons proliferation and ensuring that “Iran should never be in a position to destroy Israel.”

But let's not be naive—this is a three-year war with deep complexities. Secretary of State Marco Rubio acknowledged the challenges in an interview with CBS, saying, “No one's claiming that it's easy, but I want everyone to understand here's the plan.” The plan, according to Rubio, is twofold: first, implement a ceasefire, and second, work toward a permanent resolution. “It's hard to negotiate an enduring end to a war as long as they're shooting at each other,” he said.

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A ceasefire is a critical first step, but history has shown that temporary peace deals often crumble under the weight of deeper, unresolved conflicts. Just last week, Ukraine launched its largest drone attack near Moscow, and Russia retaliated with a ballistic missile strike and over 100 drones. These realities raise the question: will both sides genuinely commit to peace, or is this just another temporary pause before more violence erupts?

Trump has long positioned himself as a dealmaker, and this negotiation could be a defining moment in his presidency. If successful, it would be a massive diplomatic win. But if it falls apart, it could be seen as a failed attempt at reining in one of the most volatile conflicts of our time.

For now, the world watches and waits.

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