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## German FM: ceasefire essential for Ukraine peace talks



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Berlin, August 17 (QNA)– German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul has reaffirmed the importance of a ceasefire in Ukraine following the Alaska summit between US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

German news agency (dpa) quoted Wadephul as saying that a halt to hostilities was a prerequisite for any further negotiations. Without a ceasefire, it is unreasonable to expect anyone – especially

Ukraine, to continue talks or engage in a peace process, he added.

“Any conversation aimed at finally ending this war is a good conversation and one we support,” he said.

Wadephul also noted that that Trump is now focusing on a comprehensive agreement but stressed: “No agreement about Ukraine without Ukraine.”