
Zelensky Intensifies Diplomatic Push with Key European Leaders



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky continued an intensive round of diplomatic engagements on Monday, departing Downing Street after holding discussions with senior British, French, and German officials on the latest U.S.-proposed peace framework aimed at ending the war in Ukraine. The talks focused on security guarantees, long-term defense support, and political conditions that could shape a negotiated settlement.

Zelensky's London visit comes at a critical moment, as Kyiv seeks firmer European alignment on the U.S. initiative and broader commitments to military, financial, and humanitarian assistance. European leaders have expressed support for renewed diplomatic efforts but remain cautious about the durability of any agreement without clear signals from Moscow.

Following his meetings in the UK, Zelensky is scheduled to travel to Brussels later today to meet NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. Discussions are expected to center on Ukraine's pathway to NATO membership, additional security aid packages, and the EU's ongoing sanctions regime. Brussels officials say Zelensky's presence underscores the urgency of coordinating Western strategy ahead of winter and amid intensified fighting on several fronts.

On Tuesday, Zelensky will continue his European tour with a visit to Rome, where he is expected to meet Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. Italy has been an important backer of Kyiv within both NATO and the European Union, and the Rome talks are likely to address air-defense needs, energy resilience, and continued Italian support for Ukraine's reconstruction efforts.

Zelensky's rapid diplomatic outreach reflects a renewed push to secure unified Western backing for the U.S. proposal and strengthen Ukraine's position as international consultations enter a decisive phase.