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Trump hails productive truce talks; urges Putin to spare Kyiv's soldiers

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Context

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday his administration had “productive” talks with Russia about a **ceasefire** in Ukraine, urging counterpart Vladimir Putin to spare Ukrainian soldiers on the front line.

Mr. Trump envoy Steve Witkoff met Mr. Putin late Thursday to lay out the details of a joint U.S. Ukrainian plan, which envisages a **30-day pause** in hostilities between Moscow and Kyiv after three years of war. “We had very good and productive discussions with President Vladimir Putin of Russia yesterday, and there is a very good chance that this horrible, bloody war can finally come to an end,” Mr. Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform

Mapping of Ukraine

Ukraine shares the border with seven other countries: **Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Russia, and Belarus.**

Dnieper / Dnipro river flows through Ukraine. Ukraine's capital Kyiv is located on banks of Dnieper River

Hotspot areas – **Kherson, Odessa port, Mariupol, Kharkiv, Donbas etc.**



Mapping of Black Sea

Countries around Black Sea – **Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia and Turkey**

It is linked to the **Sea of Marmara** through the **Bosphorus Strait** and then to the **Aegean Sea** (an elongated embayment of the Mediterranean Sea) through the **Dardanelles Strait**.

The Turkish straits system (the Dardanelles, Bosphorus and the Marmara Sea) forms a transitional zone between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

The Black Sea is also connected to the **Sea of Azov** by the **Strait of Kerch**.

The Black Sea is supplied by **major rivers**, principally the **Danube** (the second-longest river in Europe, after the Volga in Russia), **Dnieper** and **Dniester**.

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