



## LIVE UPDATES: Russian Armed Forces Establish Full Control Over the City of Melitopol – Russian MoD

### Description

Earlier on Friday, Volodymyr Zelensky suggested to Russian President Vladimir Putin that they sit down at the negotiation table. The Kremlin said Putin is ready to send a delegation to Minsk for talks with a Ukrainian delegation. Kiev later suggested holding talks in Warsaw, and then stopped responding, according to the Kremlin.

Russia announced a special military operation on 24 February with the goal of protection of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics (DPR and LPR) from the Ukrainian forces, as well as demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine and bringing the puppet regime in Kiev to justice for the [crimes it has committed](#). **Moscow said the military operation does not pose a threat to civilians and only targets the military infrastructure.**

According to the Russian Ministry of Defence, Russia [does not need](#) the territory of Ukraine and it does not intend to stay in Ukraine, will withdraw its troops after the special operation is complete.

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