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### PRESIDENT ZELENSKY SAID ON WAR DAY 4

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**USPA NEWS** - Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky today, on Sunday 27 February, (War Day 4) has said he is ready for negotiations with Russia in Istanbul, Warsaw, Baku, Bratislava or Budapest but not in Belarus, since the offensive on Kiev started from there. In a video posted on Sunday, Ukrainian President Zelensky explained that Russia had chosen the Belarusian capital, Minsk, as a place for negotiations, pointing out that missiles had been launched from Belarusian territory towards his country 4 days ago. He indicated that if Belarus had not served as a rear base for the Russian intervention in Ukraine, Ukraine would have accepted the negotiations in Minsk. The Ukrainian government plans to dispatch a delegation to meet with its Russian counterparts "without preconditions" on the Ukrainian-Belarusian border, near the Pripyat River, according to a statement issued (Source Zelensky's official channel on the Telegram messaging app).

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The war between Russia and Ukraine began on last Thursday, February 24 at dawn, when Russia launched a military operation in Ukraine, followed by international reactions and the imposition of sanctions on Moscow.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, says Ukraine wants peace but can't negotiate in Belarus, which Russia is currently using to attack it. He added that Warsaw, and Baku as acceptable venues. "Warsaw, Istanbul, Baku - we offered Russia to hold talks in these cities, or any other city where missiles aren't being launched at Ukraine," he says. He also explained, when it comes to the Belarussian capital, that his country had previously participated in the negotiations in Minsk, "when it was neutral". "Only in this way can the negotiations be sincere and truly end the war," he said.

President Zelensky stressed that Ukraine wants peace, dialogue and an end to the war.

As for the Russian adversary, "The Russian side is ready to start negotiations in Gomel, and now we are waiting for the Ukrainians," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Earlier on Sunday, the Kremlin announced the arrival of a Russian delegation to the Belarusian city of Gomel to begin negotiations with the Ukrainians. Dimitri Peskov stated that the delegation included representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense and others, including the presidential administration, and their arrival was confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus. ( Source: Agence Anadolu, AA, Kiev, \*Translated from Arabic by Wejden Jlassi into French, Roya News)

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