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European leaders to join Zelenskyy in DC

Rubio says both sides must make concessions

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LONDON – European leaders including from Germany, France and Britain will join Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to meet President Donald Trump in Washington, they said Aug. 17, seeking to shore up his position as Trump presses Ukraine to accept a quick peace deal.

Trump is leaning on Zelenskyy to strike an agreement after he met Rus-

sian President Vladimir Putin in Alaska, and on Aug. 17 promised “big progress on Russia” in a social media post without specifying what that might be.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Trump had seen enough to justify meeting Zelenskyy and the Europeans on Aug. 18 but added that both Russia and Ukraine would need to make concessions.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, French President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer were hosting a meeting of allies on Aug.

17 to bolster Zelenskyy’s position, hoping in particular to lock down robust security guarantees for Ukraine that would include a U.S. role.

According to sources, the U.S. and Russian leaders discussed at their summit on Aug. 15 proposals for Russia to relinquish tiny pockets of occupied Ukraine in exchange for Ukraine ceding a swath of fortified land in the east and freezing the front lines elsewhere.

At face value, some of Putin’s demands would be hugely difficult for Ukraine to accept, setting the stage for potentially fraught talks about ending Europe’s deadliest war in 80 years, which has dragged on for 3½ years and

killed or wounded more than 1 million people.

European allies are keen to help Zelenskyy avoid a repeat of his last Oval Office meeting in February. That went disastrously, with Trump and Vice President JD Vance giving the Ukrainian leader a public dressing-down, accusing him of being disrespectful and ungrateful for U.S. assistance.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will also travel to Washington, as will Finland’s President Alexander Stubb, whose access to Trump included rounds of golf in Florida

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Ventura residents Patrick Keigan and Victoria Fine pose for a photo with their son Riley Keigan, 2, in the Ventura County Sheriff Department helicopter as Rescue Specialist Michael Purcell watches in the background during the 44th annual Wings Over Camarillo Air Show on Aug. 16. PROVIDED BY JOE LUMAYA

Wings over Camarillo
wows, awes audience

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The Wings Over Camarillo wowed and awed guests for its 44th year.

The two-day air show at the Camarillo Airport drew big crowds Aug. 16, a day that started off with over-cast skies but high expectations.

The theme, "Honoring Community Responders," celebrated the workers and volunteers who came to the aid of Mountain Fire victims and other disasters. The honorees helped their community with emergency services, nonprofit work, public works and mass shelters, organizers said.

The day also featured a variety of family friendly activities such as a pavilion for science, technology engineering and math or STEM, a Veterans Hangar and a classic car show, among other offerings.



Santiel Perez, 5, sits inside the Army/National Guard Black Hawk helicopter that was on display at the 44th annual Wings Over Camarillo Air Show Aug. 16. PROVIDED BY JOE LUMAYA

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Advocates,
docs worry
ICE keeps
people from
medical care

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The 9-year-old boy needed medical care.

His mother, an undocumented farmworker who lives in west Ventura County, was too scared to take him to an Oxnard clinic. She worried any excursion outside of her home could mean being detained, deported and separated from her son and his two siblings.

She canceled an appointment for what she described as a “highly important” medical procedure, then canceled a second date for the same treatment.

“I’m afraid they’re going to get me,” she said through an interpreter in a phone interview, declining to give her name. “I’m afraid with everything.”

Advocates with 805 UndocuFund contend more than 400 people in Ventura County have been detained by immigration police so far this year,

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‘New
California’
effort aims
to carve out
a state

James Ward and Steve Pastis
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Supporters of the “New California” state movement recently gathered at the Visalia Convention Center in the heart of Central California for a constitutional convention aimed at reshaping the state’s future.

In the plan, most California counties would be part of the proposed new state, leaving parts of Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento in the current California, said Paul Preston, founder and president of the movement and a talk show host on the One Radio Network.

“Visalia is centrally located,” Preston said, hinting that the town of

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