

Question no: 1

Chances of success on U.S.-Russia negotiations on Ukraine. Critically evaluate the hurdles and give practical recommendations to end the war.

Introduction

President's Trump's second term followed by diplomacy and peace talks is shifting the geo-politics. His stance on Russia-Ukraine war, NATO and relation with European Union has sparked a debate. The U.S tilt towards Moscow limiting Ukraine's inclusion to NATO was a betrayal for Ukrainians. On a broader perspective, the chances of success of U.S policy of appeasement towards Russia-Ukraine war looks fragile. Ukraine is not ready to barter its sovereignty at any cost while Russia's maximist demands are hindering the way for a practical and peaceful solution to end the three-years long war.

Chances of success of US-Russia negotiations on Ukraine

↳ Alaska summit 2025:

In August 2025, a bilateral summit was held between presidents of two global powers. Ever since the war started, it was the first visit of Russia's president Vladimir Putin to U.S. The meeting was held to discuss the on-going war in Ukraine and practical implications to end the war.

↳ Result of the meeting:

The meeting ended on neutral and unclear notes as both presidents didn't give a clear stance. Tho, president Donald Trump mentioned,

"It's not a deal until it's a deal"

It clarifies as both presidents agreed to some agreements but any sort of deal was not signed. Tho Moscow sees this meeting as a great success as Russia seems to score a victory in building an alliance with west.

↳ Chances of success of negotiations:

Unclear results
neither claim victory nor the failure so
as the Alaska meeting. Trump's policy of
appeasement and game of diplomacy might
work for a short-term ceasefire but it will
not be able to restrain Russia and Ukraine
from war. On a broader perspective, the US-
Russia negotiations regarding Ukraine
seems to be failure as both presidents
failed to reach a mutual conclusion.

Hurdles in ending the war

Russia's maximization of demands

Intervention of NATO & EU

US military aid to Ukraine

Lack of unity in EU and NATO

Ukraine's territorial claims

• Russia's maximization of demands:

Moscow's territorial claims over Crimea and four other states of Ukraine along with exclusion of NATO forces from western borders are hindering to find a possible solution of war. These maximized demands possess a threat to Ukraine's security.

• Intervention of NATO & EU:

Russia strongly opposes the intervention of NATO and EU forces on Russian-Ukraine borders as Ukraine is a non-NATO ally. Russia demands withdrawal of NATO and EU troops which is not acceptable by Ukraine and NATO as well.

• US-military aid:

US provides all the military aid and advanced weapons to Ukraine against Russia. While on the other hand U.S invites Russia for peaceful solutions. This hypocrisy of U.S is hindering to end the conflict.

• Lack of unity b/w US and EU:

US asks for peaceful solutions while Germany, Poland, UK and France look for a mutual interest in

this solution. This disunity is causing a delay to find a liable solution to end the war.

Recommendations to end war

Room for strategic diplomacy

External mediation

Agree to mutual interest

Protecting sovereignty of both countries

A win-win solution

Multilateral talks and Summits

↳ Multilateral talks and summits

Rather inviting one party (Russia in Alaska) it's better to invite both parties (Russia and Ukraine) in the presence of U.S, NATO and EU to negotiate a peaceful solution. Peaceful talks and deals over summits will be liable solution to this war.

↳ Finding a win-win solutions:

The multilateral meeting must aim to find a peaceful win-win solution. A solution that must align with the territorial protection of Ukraine and withdrawal of NATO forces as per Russia's demands.

↳ Room for diplomacy:

Diplomacy and negotiations have always restricted some great wars. Russia and Ukraine need to create a room for diplomacy to put an end to this 1175 days long war.

↳ External mediation:

In this polarized world, a strong external mediation can end this war. If Putin and Zelenskyy have failed to find a solution then external mediation of China or U.S can find a practical solution for war.

Conclusion

On a broader perspective, US-Russia negotiations have failed to find a solution for war. Diplomacy and multilateral talks can outburst the maximized demands of Russia that are persisting the war.