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## Last Minute: Outcome of the meeting of foreign ministers of Russia and Ukraine in Turkey

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- Turkish foreign minister on Russia-Ukraine talks:
  - "It wasn't an easy meeting" "despite all difficulties, it was a civil meeting: no voices raised, no tension during Lavrov - Kuleba meeting"
  - Continuation of Russia Ukraine talks depends on Belarus talks. "The most important outcome of meeting was establishing contact"
  - Turkey wants now to hold Russia - Ukraine meeting "at leaders level". Russia's Lavrov said that Putin would not refuse meeting with Zelenskyy.
- Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov after talks: NO-ONE HERE TODAY WAS DISCUSSING A CEASEFIRE
  - "We want a friendly, demilitarised Ukraine without any threat to Moscow and Russian culture"
  - "Ukraine seems to want to have meetings for the sake of meetings".
  - "Putin would not refuse a meeting with Zelenskyy but any such contact would have to be substantive with specifics"
  - "The West ignored the repression of Russian speakers and Russian culture in Ukraine"
  - "The reaction of the West shows just how threatened Russia is"
  - "Russia never wants to depend on Western states or companies again", "the West was using Ukraine to undermine Russia".
  - "Russia had never used its oil and gas as weapons and that it would always have markets for its energy exports".
- Nuclear threat
  - Russia's Lavrov says he doesn't believe there will be nuclear war. He said that "did not believe that Russia's standoff with the West over Ukraine would lead to nuclear war". "I don't want to believe, and I do not believe, that a nuclear war could start," he told a news conference following talks

- Lavrov added that rumours about a potential Russian attack against the former Soviet Baltic states "appear to be old hoaxes".
- Economic cost of war: Washington economic adviser says at least \$100 billion worth of infrastructure, property in Ukraine has been destroyed by Russian attacks so far. Also says "half of businesses in Ukraine not operating, other half working at well below capacity".
- Sanctions - Chelsea football club says it has been advised that "its owner Roman Abramovich has been sanctioned by the UK government". Britain's government is open to the sale of Chelsea soccer club.
  - For the sale of Chelsea soccer club to go ahead, it would require another licence, a spokesman for Prime Minister Boris Johnson said after sanctions were imposed on its owner, Roman Abramovich.
  - Sanctioned Chelsea Football Club owner Roman Abramovich cannot benefit from any sale of the club, Britain's minister in charge of sport, Nadine Dorries said on Thursday.
  - The Club says intend to engage in discussions with the UK government regarding the scope of the licence.
  - The Club says talks with government will include seeking permission for the licence in order to allow the club to operate as normal as possible.
  - The Club says we will also be seeking guidance from the UK government on the impact of these measures on the Chelsea Foundation.
- Japan trade and industry minister at G7 minister Meeting expressed need to reduce reliance on Russian energy. Also emphasized need to diversify energy use including nuclear power.