Crucial Minsk summit seeks peace in Ukraine

Leaders of Germany, France, Russia and Ukraine are to meet in Belarus to try to revive the much-violated peace plan agreed last September, and end a war that has now killed more than 5,300 people



POTENTIAL STICKING POINTS OF FRANCO-GERMAN PEACE PROPOSAL

Details of proposal not released but thought to include demilitarised zone of 50-70km around current front line

Ceasefire line: Russia demands truce line recognise territorial gains made by rebels in recent months

Kiev is concerned that any new pact should not undermine territorial integrity of Ukraine by legitimising separatist control of eastern regions of country

- Monitoring: Kiev opposes any peacekeeping force but supports OSCE monitoring of Ukraine-Russia border
- Status of eastern regions:
- Russia demands more autonomy for rebel-held areas but Kiev opposes "federalization"
- Peace talks: Kiev refuses to allow separatists a place at top-level talks. Instead, their representatives would join parallel meeting

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