

Kremlin Says Western Leader See Progress in Ukraine Cease-Fire

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Newly mobilized Ukrainian paratroopers fire anti-tank grenade launchers during a military drill near Zhytomyr.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Francois Hollande and Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko noted "certain progress" in a cease-fire in eastern Ukraine during a telephone conversation, the Kremlin said.

The leaders of four countries also noted progress in the withdrawal of heavy weapons from the region, the Kremlin said in a statement on Thursday.

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