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BULGARIA'S PRESIDENT ON UKRAINE: TRUMP'S PLAN IS RATIONAL, THE PEACE TREATY IS WRITTEN BY THE VICTORS

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Bulgaria's President, Rumen Radev, described U.S. President Donald Trumps peace plan for Ukraine as rational, arguing it aims to quickly stabilize the situation amid an unfavorable battlefield scenario for Kyiv. Speaking to journalists after attending the AFCEA TechNET Sofia 2025 forum, Radev emphasized that Trumps proposal seeks to prevent further escalation and additional casualties. He highlighted Europes insistence on imposing its own requirements but stressed that European leaders must consider whether they are ready to assume responsibility if they miss the current opportunity for peace.

Radev warned that delaying negotiations could result in far more difficult talks and greater loss of life. He noted that even Europes revised proposals use the existing front line as a basis for territorial discussions, making the question of territory a central element of any future settlement. The president underscored the historical maxim that the peace treaty is written by the victors and expressed hope that this principle would not be repeated, aiming to avoid unnecessary destruction and casualties.

Regarding Bulgarias role in the peace process, Radev stressed that the country must have a clear and consistent stance to influence outcomes effectively. He criticized domestic politicians for symbolic gestures, pointing to inconsistent behavior around the Ukrainian flag as an example of indecision and opportunism.

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