Ukraine war: Kyiv and Moscow hold high-profile talks

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Russia and Ukraine are holding talks in Turkey, as Moscow's all-out invasion of its neighbour enters its \_\_\_\_ week.**

Ukraine's Dmytro Kuleba said ahead of the face-to-face meeting with his Russian \_\_\_\_\_\_ Sergei Lavrov that his expectations were "limited".

It comes after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ accused Russia of bombing a children's hospital, calling it a "war crime".

Officials say three people including a child died in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Mariupol.

Seventeen people, including staff and patients, were injured, the local mayor's office said. Footage \_\_\_\_\_\_ a building - which also housed a maternity ward - reduced to a shell, with a huge crater nearby.

On Thursday the Kremlin said it would seek information from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about what had happened.

A further seven deaths were reported in Russian strikes in north-eastern Ukraine overnight - four people including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were killed in strikes near the city of Kharkiv and three people including a 13-year-old boy died in strikes on Okhtyrka, in the Sumy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Meanwhile Ukraine's deputy prime minister said seven evacuation routes - including routes out of Mariupol and Sumy - would open on Thursday.

**'Low expectations' for talks**

Ahead of the talks in \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey, Mr Kuleba said: "Frankly... my expectations of the talks are low."

Ukraine's foreign ministry said that \_\_\_\_\_\_ was seeking an immediate "cessation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the war against Ukraine by Russia".

Meanwhile, Russia is demanding that Ukraine abandons its stated plans to join the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ military alliance, and becomes a neutral-status state. It also says \_\_\_\_\_\_ must accept \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_'s jurisdiction over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - the southern Ukrainian peninsula annexed by Russia in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

And Russia is pressing for \_\_\_\_\_\_ to recognise two self-proclaimed rebel regions in eastern Ukraine.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ previous rounds of talks held in recent days failed to find any breakthrough, although the two warring sides agreed on establishing humanitarian \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Mr Lavrov's spokeswoman, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, just arrived in the room and she told me today's discussions were the next stage of talks begun initially between Russian and \_\_\_\_\_ officials in \_\_\_\_\_\_. And she expected the process to continue.

But she would not say what Mr Lavrov was offering, if anything, in the negotiations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a room nearby.