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## US wants to make tanks, not T-shirts

Says Trump on his tariff policy

REUTERS, Morristown

US President Donald Trump said on Sunday his tariff policy was aimed at promoting the domestic manufacturing of tanks and technology products, not sneakers and T-shirts.

Speaking to reporters before boarding Air Force One in New Jersey, Trump said he agreed with comments from Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on April 29 that the US does not necessarily need a "booming textile industry" - comments that drew criticism from the National Council of Textile Organizations.

"We're not looking to make sneakers and T-shirts. We want to make military equipment. We want to make big things. We want to make, do the AI thing," Trump said.

"I'm not looking to make T-shirts, to be honest. I'm not looking to make socks... We are looking to do chips and computers and lots of other things, and tanks and ships," he said.



## Malaysia PM hails 'significant' engagement on Myanmar

REUTERS, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim yesterday hailed "significant" steps to engage warring sides in Myanmar, as Southeast Asian leaders met for talks to address the protracted conflict and offset global trade uncertainty from US President Donald Trump's tariff threats.

Myanmar has been in turmoil since its military overthrew the elected civilian government of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021, triggering pro-democracy protests that morphed into a widening rebellion and conflict that has displaced more than 3.5 million people, according to the United Nations.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations leaders were expected to discuss ways to jumpstart Asean's faltering Myanmar peace process and build on recent efforts by Anwar, the bloc's current chair, to bring rival groups to the table.

Anwar last month held a closed-door meeting in Bangkok with junta chief Min Aung Hlaing.



Community members hold candles in front of a headstone bearing George Floyd's name at the 'Say Their Names' art installation cemetery during a vigil marking the fifth anniversary of his death. The installation, located at George Floyd Square in Minneapolis, Minnesota, US, features headstones representing Black individuals killed by police. The vigil took place on Sunday evening.

PHOTO: AFP

## Putin has 'gone absolutely CRAZY'

Says Trump after massive Russian drone attack on Ukraine; Kremlin suggests Trump 'emotionally overloaded'

REUTERS, Kyiv

US President Donald Trump said Vladimir Putin had "gone absolutely CRAZY" by unleashing the largest aerial attack of the war on Ukraine and said he was weighing new sanctions on Moscow, though he also scolded Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Trump posted the remark on Truth Social as sleeping Ukrainians woke to a third consecutive night of Russian aerial attacks, listening for hours to drones buzzing near their homes and eruptions of Ukrainian anti-aircraft fire.

The Ukrainian air force said Russia had launched 355 drones and nine cruise missiles against Ukraine overnight, a huge salvo that the air force's spokesman told Reuters made it Russia's largest drone attack of the war to date.

"Something has happened to him (Putin). He has gone absolutely CRAZY!" Trump said of the Russian president on Truth Social, referring to the previous night's attack by Russia.

"I've always said that he wants ALL of Ukraine, not just a piece of it, and maybe that's proving to be right, but if he does, it will lead to the downfall of Russia!"

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- ⇒ Zelensky should shut up: US president
- ⇒ Russia launches 355 drones, nine cruise missiles against Ukraine
- ⇒ Attacks on Ukraine were directed at military targets: Kremlin

The Kremlin, asked about Trump's specific remarks about Putin being "crazy", thanked the US people and Trump in person for their assistance in launching peace negotiations but suggested Trump and others might be emotionally overloaded.

"This is a very crucial moment, which is associated, of course, with the emotional overload of everyone absolutely and with emotional reactions," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

The Ukrainian air force said the third Russian aerial attack in a row hit targets in five locations, but did not elaborate, implying military damage.

A 14-year-old boy was reported injured in the Black Sea region of Odesa. Residential buildings and industrial facilities were damaged in western Ukraine, officials said.

## Female teacher made OSD 'for advocating equal rights'

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Yasmin, a prominent women's rights activist, also edits Nari Angan, an online platform.

The controversy stems from articles published in Hisya (rights), a magazine which she edits and publishes. The articles reportedly support equal inheritance rights for men and women, a stance some religious groups claim contradicts Islamic inheritance laws.

After its release, students and religious organisations, including Hefazat-e-Islam, demonstrated on campus demanding her dismissal.

The Democratic Rights Committee, in a statement signed by Professor Anu Muhammad, condemned the action against Yasmin.

"It is unfortunate that a female teacher is being removed from her post simply for expressing an opinion. This goes against freedom of expression," it said.

The committee demanded an impartial, subiect-based investigation into the issue.

Meanwhile, Mufti Tarequl Rahman, private secretary to Hefazat's Narsingdi wing leader, said, "A solution has been reached. We are happy." He did not elaborate.

on Facebook, writing, "My freedom of expression has been violated. As a woman, I protest this incident. However, no force can suppress my voice when it comes to speaking up for human rights."

Bangladesh Feminist Archives, a platform for preserving, documenting and promoting intersectional feminist movements in Bangladesh, condemned the government's move, which it said goes against the values of democracy, July uprising, and the principles of free speech.

"Nadira Yasmin committed no crime. She simply voiced an opinion in a public debate. Even if her position were controversial, she had every right to express it. The state's duty was to protect her, not surrender to mob pressure," it said, urging the interim government to reverse the decision.

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Yasmin posted the order

## Less than 5pc of Gaza's cropland useable Shows UN assessment

REUTERS, Geneva

Less than 5 percent of Gaza's cropland can be cultivated due to damage and access restrictions, "exacerbating the risk of famine in the area", according to a UN assessment published yesterday.

"This level of destruction is not just a loss of infrastructure - it is a collapse of Gaza's agricultural system and of lifelines," said Beth Bechdel, Deputy Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization which produced the assessment alongside the UN Satellite Centre.

Before the Israel-Hamas war began over 19 months ago, Gazan farmers cultivated a range of crops including citrus fruits, dates and olives, despite the area being among the most densely populated in the world.

Now, half a million people face starvation, according to a global hunger monitor, amid Israeli restrictions on food imports after an 11-week blockade. In total, just 688 hectares, or 4.6 percent of the total, is available for cultivation, the UN assessment said.

## Make people alert

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also the commission chief.

The commission members informed him about the latest progress in the talks with political parties, according to a statement of chief adviser's press wing.

The statement said discussion was held on the formation of an independent commission to investigate the role of those involved in irregularities in past elections.

Prof Ali Riaz, the commission's vice-president, said all political parties already reached a "consensus" in this regard.

The chief adviser, who presided over the meeting at Jamuna, instructed the commission to work on increasing public awareness in reform process and electoral matters by involving not only political parties but also civil society and grassroots organisations.

The first round of talks between the commission and political parties ended on May 19. The second round is expected early next month.

At the meeting, consensus commission member Ayub Mia proposed forming a body

for implementing the recommendations of Public Administration Reform Commission.

He added that apart from the Public Administration Commission's recommendations, two other commissions are working on NBR reforms, leading to a lack of coordination.

Judicial Reform Commission representative Justice Emdadul Haque called upon the chief adviser to ensure that the commission formed based on the consensus of political parties to appoint Supreme Court judges can work transparently.

Anti-Corruption Reform Commission representative Iftekharuzzaman urged for a roadmap to implement the proposals put forth by the reform commissions on media, labour, local government, women, and health.

Badiul Alam Majumder, who leads the Electoral System Reform

Commission, called for a roadmap to implement the proposals put forth by the reform commissions on media, labour, local government, women, and health.

Police Reform Commission representative Safar Raj Hossain was also present at the meeting.

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