

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!”

Trump also criticised Zelensky, posting that the Ukrainian leader “is doing his Country no favours by talking the way he does. Everything out of his mouth causes problems, I don’t like it, and it better stop.”

- Trump considering sanctions on Russia
- 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.

India and Canada move to mend ties

AFP, New Delhi

India’s foreign minister said he had spoken to his Canadian counterpart as the two sides seek to ease fraught relations.

The telephone call, which took place late Sunday, is the highest diplomatic contact between Ottawa and New Delhi since Mark Carney became Canadian prime minister in March.

Ties between Canada and India were strained following accusations of New Delhi’s involvement in the 2023 assassination of a Canadian Sikh, claims India denied.

India’s Subrahmanya Jaishankar said he had “discussed the prospects of India-Canada ties” with newly appointed Foreign Minister Anita Anand and he had “wished her a very successful tenure”.

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 agrifood system and of lifelines,” said Beth Bechdol, 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.

It showed that more than 80 percent of Gaza’s cropland had been damaged in the war. A total of 77.8 percent is not accessible, the statement said.

Iran could survive if US nuke talks end without a deal

REUTERS, Dubai



Iran would be able to survive if negotiations with the US over its nuclear programme fail to secure a deal, President Masoud Pezeshkian said yesterday, after President Donald Trump described weekend talks with Tehran as “very good”.

The negotiations aim to resolve a decades-long dispute over Iran’s nuclear ambitions, and Trump has threatened Iran with crippling economic sanctions and bombing if no new nuclear agreement is reached.

“It’s not like we will die of hunger if they refuse to negotiate with us or impose sanctions,” Pezeshkian was quoted as saying by state media about the talks with Washington. “We will find a way to survive.”

The stakes are high for both sides in the talks. Trump wants to curtail Tehran’s potential to produce a nuclear weapon that could trigger a regional nuclear arms race and perhaps threaten Israel. Iran, for its part, maintains that its nuclear programme is exclusively for civilian purposes.

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EU MIGRANT CRISIS

Over 500 rescued off Greek island in recent days

AFP, Athens

Greek authorities have rescued more than 500 migrants off the southern island of Crete in recent days, the coastguard said in a statement later Sunday.

Greece is one of the main gateways to Europe for people fleeing war and poverty, mainly from Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

In recent years, an increasing number of people have embarked on the migratory route south of the island of Crete, opposite Libya and Egypt.

On Saturday alone, some 280 people were rescued from five separate shipwrecks, including 13 minors, said the coastguard statement.

Most were men and many reported having set sail for Greece from Libya, paying “between 150,000 and 200,000 Egyptian pounds (3,000 4,000 dollars)”.

Among them, authorities arrested a 24-year-old Sudanese and suspected smuggler who was later prosecuted.

Last Friday, a Greek naval court has charged 17 coast guard officers over one of the Mediterranean’s worst shipwrecks two years ago, in which hundreds of people are believed to have drowned, three sources said.

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