

Cuba a 'failed' nation: Trump Urges Havana to strike deal with US, dismisses regime-change plans

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President Donald Trump on Monday said Cuba was a "failed nation" and called on Havana to make a deal with the United States, though he dismissed mounting a regime change operation.

"Cuba is right now, a failed nation," the US leader told reporters aboard Air Force One. However, when asked if the United States would oust Cuba's government, as Washington did when it raided Venezuela and captured president Nicolas Maduro, Trump said: "I don't think that will be necessary."

The island is facing major fuel shortages and blackouts as Trump intensifies the decades-long US embargo on the country and presses other



countries to stop sending Havana oil, reports AFP.

"It's a humanitarian threat," Trump admitted of the fuel shortages biting the country.

Garbage has begun to pile up on street corners in the Cuban capital of Havana, attracting hordes of flies and reeking of rotten food, in one of the most visible impacts of the US bid to prevent oil from reaching the Caribbean's largest island.

State-run news outlet Cubadebate reported this month that only 44 of Havana's 106 rubbish trucks were able to keep operating due to fuel shortages, slowing garbage collection.

Cardboard boxes, used bags, plastic bottles and rags have piled up on street corners across the capital, as some residents sorted through the waste looking for scraps they could re-use, while motorists, pedestrians and bikers are forced to circumvent the imposing heaps.



People carry "Lion and Sun" pre-Iranian Revolution national flags as they gather near the United Nations office in Geneva, Switzerland, yesterday, as the second round of nuclear talks between the US and Iran takes place. PHOTO: REUTERS

France's Macron eyes fighter jet deal in India

Urges Delhi to back 'moratorium on strikes' against Ukraine civilians

AFP, Mumbai

French President Emmanuel Macron met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mumbai yesterday, as he began a three-day visit to India focused on artificial intelligence cooperation and a potential multibillion dollar fighter jet deal.

France is seeking to expand its military partnership with New Delhi, with discussions expected on a possible contract for 114 additional French Dassault Rafale fighter jets.

Modi, in a statement on social media addressed to his "dear friend" Macron, after he began his trip with his wife Brigitte in India's financial capital, said he looked forward to "advancing our bilateral ties to new heights".

Modi said he was "confident that our discussions will further strengthen cooperation".



Macron praised the "remarkable acceleration" of ties with India, after the meeting. He said the shift came in response to the "changing international order", adding that both countries did not want to "be subjected to any form of hegemony" or the "conflict of a few".

Macron urged India to back "moratorium on strikes" against Ukraine civilians.

Macron, on his fourth visit

to India since taking office in 2017, began yesterday with a programme including honouring the victims of the 2008 Mumbai attacks, and meeting Bollywood film stars, including Shabana Azmi and Manoj Bajpayee.

The visit follows New Delhi's confirmation last week that it intends to place a major order for Rafale jets, as well as the signing of a landmark free trade agreement between India and the European Union in January.

Macron will travel to New Delhi for an artificial intelligence summit today and tomorrow.

New Delhi has sought over the past decade to reduce its dependence on Russia, its traditional main supplier of military equipment, turning to other countries while also pushing for more domestic production.

France frees suspected Russia tanker after fine

AFP, Marseille

France yesterday released a tanker suspected of being part of Russia's sanctions-busting "shadow fleet" called "Grinch" after its owner paid a fine of several million euros, a minister said.

French forces and their allies boarded the oil tanker last month between Spain and Morocco after it started its journey in Russia, before escorting it to a port outside the southern city of Marseille.

Ship tracking websites marinetraffic and vesselfinder said the vessel had been flying a Comoros flag. "The tanker 'Grinch' is leaving French waters after paying several million euros and enduring a costly three-week immobilisation in Fos-sur-Mer," Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said on X.

SECURITY CO-OPERATION Nigeria announces arrival of 100 US soldiers

AFP, Lagos

Some 100 US soldiers are being deployed to Nigeria as part of increased military cooperation to fight insecurity in the West African country, the Nigerian defence ministry announced Monday.

The ministry did not specify when the "US military trainers" arrived or were due to arrive.

"The Defence Headquarters (DHQ) wishes to announce the arrival of about 100 United States military personnel and associated equipment at Bauchi Airfield," the statement said.

"The arrival is planned and deliberate following a formal request by the Federal Government of Nigeria to the US government to support a clearly defined military training requirement, technical support and intelligence sharing with the members of the Armed Forces of Nigeria."

Nigeria is facing a longstanding jihadist insurgency in the northeast, a conflict between farmers and herders in north-central regions, separatist violence in the southeast, and kidnappings for ransom in the northwest.

US President Donald Trump has claimed that Christians in Nigeria are being "persecuted" and are victims of "genocide" perpetrated by "terrorists".

But Abuja and most independent experts say the violence in Nigeria indiscriminately affects both Christians and Muslims.

India court clears mega project on sensitive island

AFP, Mumbai

India's environmental court has given the go-ahead to the strategically significant Great Nicobar infrastructure project despite widespread concerns of ecological damage to the island in the Andaman Sea.



The National Green Tribunal on Monday dismissed a batch of petitions objecting to the mega project on ecologically sensitive Great Nicobar island, saying "adequate safeguards" had been taken into account.

The infrastructure plan involves building a transshipment port, airport, power plant and a township on the island, located close to the Strait of Malacca, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is looking to pour billions of dollars into connecting the island to global trade routes, after the project was granted initial environmental approvals in 2022.

India's environment minister last September called it a project of "strategic, defence and national importance".



A youth wearing hockey gear is embraced outside the Dennis M Lynch Arena, an indoor ice-skating rink, after a shooting in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, US, on Monday. At least two people were killed and three others wounded in the attack. PHOTO: REUTERS

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