

China seeks 'more stability' as it confirms Trump-Xi meet

AFP, Beijing

Beijing said yesterday it was ready to work with the United States in pursuit of "more stability" and confirmed that Donald Trump will visit China this week, the first US president to do so since 2017.

Washington and Beijing have been at loggerheads over key issues ranging from trade tariffs to the Middle East war and Taiwan, which China claims as part of its territory.

Top trade negotiators from both countries will meet in Seoul a day before Trump's summit with Chinese leader Xi Jinping to iron out details on trade and economic issues, a sign of the trip's high stakes.

The White House announced Trump's visit several weeks ago, and China's foreign ministry has now confirmed it will go ahead from Wednesday until Friday.



The US leader was originally meant to visit in late March or early April, but postponed his trip to focus on the US-Israel war with Iran.

"Top level diplomacy plays an irreplaceable strategic guiding role in China-US relations," Beijing's foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun told a regular news briefing.

"China is willing to work with the United States in the spirit of equality, respect, and mutual benefit, to expand cooperation, manage differences, and inject more stability and certainty into a volatile and intertwined world," he said.

This is the first visit by a US president to China since Trump's previous visit in 2017, and is expected to include a tour of the Temple of Heaven in Beijing and a lavish state banquet.

The White House has said it is of "tremendous symbolic significance", and promised that Trump will "deliver more good deals" for Americans.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent will set up the visit during talks with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng in Seoul on Wednesday.



Rescuers work at the site of an Israeli strike in Kfar Jouz, Lebanon, yesterday. The Israeli military issued new threats to southern Lebanon, warning residents in nine areas to leave ahead of attacks.

PHOTO: REUTERS

US fight with Iran offers China lessons

Experts say adversary always has a big say in the outcome

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As the war in Iran enters its third month, it's providing a window for China into how US military capabilities work under fire, and a useful reminder that, on any battlefield, the adversary always has a big say in the outcome.

CNN spoke with a range of experts in China, Taiwan and elsewhere about how the last two months of fighting in and around the Persian Gulf can inform what might happen in any possible conflict that would pit Beijing against Washington.

They warned of China misreading its own strengths, lack of experience and holding on to a too-narrow view of the conflict and its consequences.

Fu Qianshao, a former colonel in China's air force, said his major takeaway from the fighting so far is that the People's Liberation Army (PLA) can't forget about

its defenses, noting how Iran has found ways around US anti-missile systems like the Patriot or Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD).

"We need to devote significant efforts to identify weakness in our defensive side to ensure we remain invincible in future wars," Fu told CNN.

The PLA has rapidly expanded offensive firepower capacity in recent years, adding missiles with hypersonic glide vehicles that can evade interceptors and the platforms that can launch them.

The PLA Air Force is adding fifth-generation stealth fighters at a rapid rate and will field around 1,000 J-20 jets – the rough equivalent of US F-35s – when performing in a long-range precision strike mode, according to the British think tank RUSI. China has a long-range stealth bomber, similar to the US B-2 or the B-21, in the works.

But its defenses are another matter.

Analysts note Iran was able to penetrate US air defenses in the Persian Gulf with relatively primitive technology, including low-cost Shahed drones and lower-cost ballistic missiles.

Meanwhile, the US unleashed an air campaign on Iran with much more sophisticated weaponry, like F-35s and B-2s, and mixed it with cheaper, less high-tech guided munitions dropped from B-1s, B-52s and F-15s. They've knocked out everything from missile launchers to naval vessels to bridges.

It's a mix that Beijing must plan for, Fu said. "We have to delve deeper to effectively guard our key sites, airfields and ports against attacks and raids," he said.

Another lesson to be learned from Iran is that wars at this level, involving a great power and a lower tier one, can't always be tidy operations that end when a president is snatched by special forces in the middle of the night.

ATTACK ON POLICE

Pakistan blames Afghanistan-based militants

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan blames Afghanistan-based militants for the attack on a police post that killed 15 personnel over the weekend, Pakistan's foreign ministry said yesterday, signaling fresh tension between the neighbours whose militaries have clashed over the issue this year.

The police personnel were killed in a car bombing at a police post in the northwestern part of Pakistan on Saturday, followed by an ambush on forces rushing to the scene, Pakistani police said.

"A detailed investigation into the incident, along with evidence collected and technical intelligence, indicates that the attack was masterminded by terrorists residing in Afghanistan," the ministry said in a statement.

The Afghan Taliban government did not have a comment at the moment, deputy spokesperson Hamdullah Fitrat told Reuters.

Islamabad has blamed Kabul for harbouring militants who it says use Afghan soil to plot attacks in Pakistan.

The Taliban has denied the allegations and said militancy in Pakistan is an internal problem.

Thailand's ex-PM Thaksin released early from prison

AFP, Bangkok



Thailand's former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra was released early from prison yesterday, an AFP journalist outside the Bangkok jail said.

The 76-year-old telecoms billionaire had been serving a one-year prison sentence for corruption since September and will be required to wear an electronic monitor during his four-month probation period.

Thaksin hugged his family members outside the jail where several hundred supporters wearing their signature red shirts had gathered, some shouting "we love Thaksin".

His political machine has for two decades been a key foe of Thailand's pro-military, pro-royalty elite who view his populist brand as a threat to the traditional social order. His Pheu Thai party was Thailand's most successful political party of the 21st century, with the Shinawatra family producing four prime ministers.



Israeli soldiers inspect the site where a Palestinian was killed during a raid on Qalandia, south of Ramallah, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

HANTAVIRUS OUTBREAK

US, French evacuees from cruise ship test positive

AFP, Granadilla De Abona

An American national and a French woman evacuated from the cruise ship hit by a deadly hantavirus outbreak have tested positive, officials said yesterday, as the complex operation to repatriate those on board continued.

The French woman, one of five passengers from France flown back from the MV Hondius and placed in isolation in Paris, started to feel unwell on Sunday night, and "tests came back positive", said Health Minister Stephanie Rist.

Late Sunday, the US health department said one American national evacuated from the ship had "mild symptoms" and that another had tested positive for the

Andes virus, the only hantavirus strain that is transmissible between humans.

Three passengers from the ship, a Dutch couple and a German woman, have died, while others have fallen sick with the rare disease, which usually spreads among rodents. No vaccines or specific treatments exist for hantavirus, which is endemic in Argentina, where the ship set sail in April.

But health officials have insisted that the risk for global public health is low and downplayed comparisons to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Rist said 22 more contact cases had been identified among French nationals, including eight people who had travelled on an April 25

flight between Saint Helena and Johannesburg, and 14 more on a flight between Johannesburg and Amsterdam.

The Dutch woman who died was on the flight to Johannesburg and later briefly boarded a flight to Amsterdam but was removed prior to takeoff.

Health authorities in several countries have been tracking passengers who had already disembarked from the ship, plus anyone who may have come into contact with them.

The repatriation operation evacuated 94 people of 19 different nationalities on Sunday, Spanish Health Minister Monica Garcia announced on Tenerife.

US SC should be 'loyal' on key cases

Trump slams the top court over tariff decision

AFP, Washington

President Donald Trump on Sunday called on US Supreme Court justices to be "loyal" to his executive order banning birthright citizenship, while bashing the court's recent ruling against his tariffs.

Trump's post on Truth Social began by calling out two of the Supreme Court judges he appointed during his first term – Neil Gorsuch and Amy Coney Barrett – for the "devastating move" of siding against his tariff policy, adding that it's acceptable for them to be "loyal" to him in the future.

"They have to do the right thing, but it's really OK for them to be loyal to the person that appointed them," Trump said.

The Supreme Court, the highest court in the United States, is an equal and independent branch of government, intended to check and balance executive and congressional power in American democracy.

It's exceedingly rare for the White House to exert open pressure on the nine-judge panel, who are appointed to lifetime terms by the president and confirmed by Congress.

On the first day of his second term, Trump signed an executive order decreeing that children born to parents who were in the United States illegally or on temporary visas would not automatically become US citizens.

Lower courts blocked the move, citing the 14th Amendment's citizenship clause.

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