



10 terrorists killed by Pakistan Army in 5 separate operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



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25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico coming today, says Donald Trump

Considering similar measure against China too for sending fentanyl into the US: Prez

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has announced plans to impose on Saturday a 25 per cent tariff on Canada and Mexico, its two neighbouring countries, and is also considering a similar measure against its largest trading partner China.

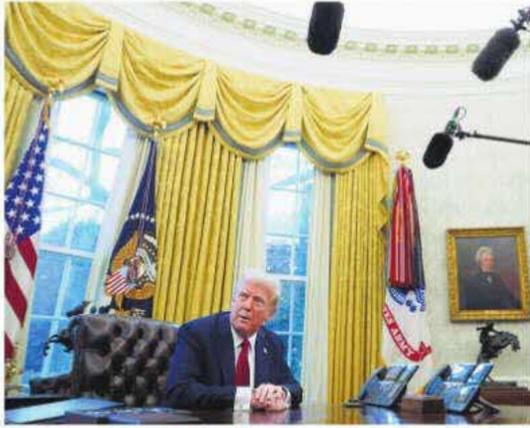
Trump said he would make a decision on Thursday night about whether to include oil in the list of tariffed items.

"We will be announcing the tariffs on Canada and Mexico for a number of reasons," the president told reporters in the Oval Office of the White House on Thursday.

He cited illegal immigration, smuggling of drugs and the massive subsidies that the US gives to Canada and Mexico in the form of deficits as the reasons for the tariffs.

"I will be putting the tariff of 25 per cent on Canada and, separately, 25 per cent on Mexico. We will really have to do that because we have very big deficits with those countries. Those tariffs may or may not rise with time," said the president.

Responding to a question, Trump said he would decide Thursday night whether to include oil among the items subject to tariffs. "We're going to make that determination probably tonight on oil. Because they send us oil... It depends on what the price is. If the oil is properly priced, if they treat us properly,



President Donald Trump takes questions from journalists at the Oval Office in the White House on Thursday | AFP

which they don't," he said. "Mexico and Canada have never been good to us on trade," Trump said, adding that the two countries have treated the US "very unfairly" on trade.

He asserted that the US will be able to make it up "very quickly" as it "does not need" the products that they have.

"We have all the oil you need. We have all the trees you need, meaning the lumber. We have more than almost anybody in those two categories. In oil, we have more than anybody," he said. "We don't need anybody's trees, we have great lumber in this country. We have to free

them up environmentally, which I can do very quickly," he said. "We don't need what they have. For us to be subsidising Canada to the tune of USD 175 billion a year, and subsidising Mexico to the tune of USD 250 billion-USD 300 billion a year," he said.

Trump said he was also thinking about taking measures against China for sending fentanyl into the US. "Because of that, they're causing us hundreds of thousands of deaths. China is going to end up paying a tariff also for that. We are in the process of doing that. We'll make that determination of what it's going to be," he said.

Trade rises, deficit widens

The 25% tax that U.S. President Donald Trump plans to slap on imports from Canada and Mexico as soon as Saturday could drive up the price of everything from gasoline and pickup trucks, to Super Bowl party guacamole dip



\$1.8 trillion

In 2023, US trade of both goods and services with Canada and Mexico came to more than \$1.8 trillion, compared with \$643 billion with China. Because of USMCA - and the regional trade deal it replaced in 2020 - most products cross the region's borders tariff-free

U.S. TRADE DEFICITS

MEXICO: \$161 billion

(UP 51% SINCE 2019)



Wreckage seen in the Potomac River near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on Friday | AP

DC crash: Busy Reagan airport's ATC was understaffed, controller was multi-tasking

WASHINGTON

ACCORDING to a *New York Times* report, staffing was thin in the control tower at Reagan National Airport, where the crashed American Airlines plane was about to land when the collision occurred.

One controller, rather than the usual two, was handling both plane and helicopter traffic, the *Times* quoted a preliminary Federal Aviation Administration report as saying.

Meanwhile, police boats returned to the Potomac River on Friday as part of the recovery and investigation. More than 40 bodies have been pulled from the river as the massive recovery effort continued, law enforcement officials told The Associated Press on Friday. The officials were not authorised to discuss details of the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Investigators have already recovered the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder of the American Airlines plane

Two Indian-origin persons among victims

Washington: At least two Indian-origin persons are among the 67 people killed in a midair collision between an Army helicopter and a jetliner at Washington's Ronald Reagan National Airport, according to media reports. Vikesh Patel, a GE Aerospace engineer and Asra Hussain Raza, a Washington DC-based consultant were on the doomed American Airlines flight 5342 that collided with the Army helicopter as it approached the airport

Pilots have long worried about DC's airspace

Washington: The airspace around Washington, DC, is congested and complex "a combination aviation experts have long worried could lead to catastrophe. Even in peak flying conditions, experts said, the airspace around Reagan Washington National Airport can challenge the most experienced pilots, who must navigate hundreds of other commercial planes, military aircraft and restricted areas around sensitive sites.

that collided with an Army helicopter as the plane was landing on Wednesday night at Ronald Reagan National Airport next to Washington, DC. Officials are scrutinising a range of factors in what National Transportation Safety Board Chairwoman Jennifer Homendy has called an "all-hands-on-deck event".

Authorities were still looking for the helicopter's black box recorder, Defence Secretary

Pete Hegseth said Friday on Fox News Channel.

Other factors in the crash, including the helicopter's altitude and whether the crew was using its night vision goggles, are still under investigation, Hegseth said.

Military aircraft frequently conduct such flights in and around the nation's capital for familiarisation with routes they would fly in case of a major attack on the US.



Displaced Palestinians walk on a road in central Gaza to return to their homes in the northern Gaza Strip on Friday | AP

Rafah crossing to reopen, three Israelis to be freed in fourth swap today

JERUSALEM

GAZA'S Rafah border crossing with Egypt is to reopen Saturday following a fourth exchange of hostages and prisoners under a truce agreement, a Hamas official and a source told AFP.

The Rafah crossing was a vital entry point for humanitarian aid to enter into Gaza before the Israeli military seized the Palestinian side of it in May.

Since then the gateway has been closed, drawing repeated condemnation from Egypt and other countries as well as from aid organisations.

"The mediators informed Hamas of Israel's approval to open Rafah crossing tomorrow, Saturday, after the completion of the fourth batch of prisoner exchange," the Hamas official said, with the source explaining evacuations of the injured would take place at the crossing "as per the Gaza ceasefire and hostage release agreement".

The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said in a statement that the first group of sick people will leave the territory for treatment in Egypt on Saturday.

Sri Lankan President Dissanayake ready to release Tamil land

COLOMBO

SRI LANKAN President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Friday assured the northern Tamils that their lands held by the military would be fully returned back to them soon. Dissanayake was visiting Jaffna, the northern capital, for the first time since being elected President in September last year and stated that land belonging to the people should rightfully remain with them.

Jaffna is a Tamil-dominated capital city of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka. He said steps are being taken to expedite the process of returning land to its rightful owners.

During the armed conflict since the 80s, the government has continuously seized the land of people for military purposes. From 2015 there have been releases from time to time. Dissanayake highlighted that while the government has the authority to acquire land anywhere in the country for development projects or security purposes, it is imperative that alternative land is provided to those affected.

These lands had been cultivated by the military since public access had been shut due to the military operations against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) till 2009. During and after the conflict with LTTE, some 3,500 acres of privately owned lands were taken over by the military to create the high-security zone around the Palaly military base of Jaffna which is also the site for the Jaffna airport. PTI

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