

GREENLAND TARIFF | Will continue to stand united: EU nations
Danish PM says Europe will not be blackmailed

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The eight European countries singled out by Trump's tariff threat over the US Greenland control plan issued a joint statement, warning the US president's plan risks a "dangerous downward spiral".

Our position on Greenland is very clear — it is part of the Kingdom of Denmark, and its future is a matter for the Danes. We have also made clear that Arctic Security matters for the whole of Nato and allies should all do more together to address the threat from Russia across different parts of the Arctic.

No intimidation or threats will influence us, whether in Ukraine, Greenland or anywhere else in the world when we are faced with such situations. Tariff threats are unacceptable and have no place in this context.

Emmanuel Macron, French President
I believe that imposing new sanctions today would be a mistake. I spoke to Donald Trump a few hours ago and told him what I think. Giorgia Meloni, Italy's PM

We will always support the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries. Canada was concerned about the recent escalation over Greenland, and any decisions about the future of world's biggest island are for Greenland and Denmark to decide.

Mark Carney, Canadian Prime Minister

dialogue" with allies including the UK, France and Germany Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said, "The Kingdom of Denmark is receiving great support."

"I am pleased with the consistent messages from the rest of the continent: Europe will not be blackmailed," she writes. "At the same time, it is

now even clearer it is an issue that reaches far beyond our own borders." Greenland is a self-governing territory controlled by Denmark, and Frederiksen points out: "We want to co-operate, and it is not we who are seeking conflict."

Earlier, Macron's team said he would request, on behalf of France, that the EU ac-

tivates its "anti-coercion instrument" if the US imposes tariffs in the standoff over Greenland.

The "Anti-Coercion Instrument" (ACI) which President Macron has spoken of was approved by Brussels in 2023 to deter attempts by outside powers to force policy changes on the EU or member states. At the time the main threat was seen as coming from China, which had recently "punished" Lithuania for its links with Taiwan by putting restrictions on bilateral trade.

According to the EU, "The ACI permits import and export restrictions to be placed on goods and services, but also on intellectual property rights and foreign direct investment. "Additionally, the ACI enables the imposition of various restrictions on access to the EU market, notably to public procurement, as well as the placement on the market of products under chemical and sanitary rules."

The ACI has never yet been used. Last year, during the negotiations over tariffs between the US and the EU, there was talk of the EU invoking it but it never happened.

16,500 Iran protesters dead & 330,000 hurt: Doctors' report

OFFICIAL PUTS TOLL AT MORE THAN 5,000

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At least 16,500 protesters have been killed and over 330,000 sustained injuries during the Iran unrest, said a report compiled by doctors inside the country and cited by The Sunday Times, as a near-total internet blackout has made independent verification increasingly difficult.

The report, based on information from a network of medical professionals across Iran, said the injuries included widespread gunshot wounds and severe eye trauma, with hundreds to thousands suffering permanent blindness. However, an Iranian official said the authorities have verified the deaths of at least 5,000 people in anti-government protests.

The doctors' report said most deaths occurred over two days during what it described as the most violent phase of the crackdown in the Islamic Republic's 47-year history, with most victims believed to be under 30.

Professor Amir Parasta, an Iranian-German eye surgeon and medical director of Munich MED, told The Sunday Times the data was gathered through doctors communicating via smuggled Starlink satellite terminals after internet access was cut on January 8.

"This time they are using military-grade weapons," Parasta was quoted as saying.

'HELP IS ON ITS WAY': WHY THE PROTESTERS FEEL 'BETRAYED'

For many Iranians who poured out the streets during the latest wave of protests, US President Donald Trump appeared to be a potential lifeline. That belief, protesters say, is what makes his subsequent reversal feel like a betrayal. The US president encouraged Iranians and issued warnings to Tehran. When he declared on social media "help is on its way" and later warned the US was "locked and loaded" if peaceful demonstrators were harmed, many Iranians interpreted those words as a promise of backing, possibly even military intervention.

6 die, 18 missing in Karachi mall blaze

Karachi: Six people, including a firefighter, were killed, and 18 others remained missing over 12 hours later after a massive fire broke out at a huge shopping mall in Pakistan's Karachi, officials said on Sunday.

Sindh Inspector General of Police Javed Alam Odho told the media the fire at the Gul Plaza on the city's busy MA Jinnah Road erupted at 10.45pm on Saturday.

Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah directed Karachi Commissioner Hassan Naqvi to inquire into the incident, probe the reasons and submit a report, according to a statement. Officials said there had been six casualties and around 20 people rescued from the multi-storey building have been sent to a hospital. The firefighters and rescuers were trying to put out the fire 16 hours after it started, they said. —PTI

Serbia: Thousands rally, students vow to continue corruption fight



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Thousands of people rallied on Saturday in Serbia as university students announced a new stage in their struggle against President Aleksandar Vucic's tenure. They have led more than a year of mass demonstrations that shook his autocratic government in the Balkan country.

Protesters in Novi Sad, chanting "thieves", accused the government of rampant corruption that they believe also led to a November 2024 train station disaster in the northern city that killed 16 people and triggered the nationwide movement for change.

Vucic has refused to schedule an immediate early election that students have demanded. Hundreds of people have been detained, or reported losing their jobs or facing pressure for opposing the government.

University students told the crowd in Novi Sad on Saturday after last year's protests, they will now offer a plan on how to rid Serbia of corruption and restore the rule of law. They proposed banning corrupt officials from politics and investigating their wealth as first steps for the post-Vucic government. The protest was dubbed "What victory will mean". Last month, students said that they collected around 400,000 signatures in support of their election bid.

Nasa moon rocket creeps to launchpad for astronaut flight

Nasa's giant new moon rocket has moved to the launchpad in preparation for astronauts' first lunar fly-around in more than half a century. The trip could blast off in February, The Guardian reported.

The 98-metre rocket began its 1.6km creep from Kennedy Space Centre's vehicle assembly building at daybreak. The trek of 4 miles took until nightfall.

Thousands of space centre workers and their families gathered in the pre-dawn chill to witness the long-awaited event, delayed for years. They huddled together before the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket's exit from the building, built in the 1960s to accommodate the Saturn V rockets



that sent 24 astronauts to the moon during the Apollo programme. The cheering crowd was led by Nasa's new administrator, Jared Isaacman, and all four astronauts assigned to the mission. Reid Wiseman, the crew commander, said: "What a great day to be here. It is awe-inspiring." Weighing in

at 5m kg, the rocket and Orion crew capsule on top made the move onboard a massive transporter that was used during the Apollo and shuttle eras. It was upgraded for the SLS rocket's extra heft.

The first and only other SLS launch, which sent an empty Orion capsule into orbit around the moon, took place in Nov 2022. "This one feels a lot different, putting crew on the rocket and taking the crew around the moon," Nasa's John Honeycutt said on the eve of the rocket's rollout.

Heat shield damage and other capsule problems during the initial test flight required extensive analyses and tests, pushing back this first crew moonshot until now.

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