

# Trump Hits Dozens More Countries With Steep Tariffs



**U.S. President Donald J. Trump announced he will impose a 10% baseline tariff on all imports to the United States.**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump has imposed steep tariffs on exports from dozens of trading partners, including Canada, Brazil, India and Taiwan.

Trump set rates including a 35% duty on many goods from Canada, 50% for Brazil, 25% for India, 20% for Taiwan and 39% for Switzerland, according to a presidential executive order.

The order, listed higher import duty rates of 10% to 41% starting in seven days for 69 trading partners.

Some of them had reached tariff-reducing deals while others had no opportunity to negotiate. Trump included an exception for some goods shipped within the coming week.

Goods from all other countries not listed would face a 10% U.S. import tax. Trump had previously said that rate might be higher. The administration also teased that more trade deals were in the pipeline as it seeks to close trade deficits and boost domestic factories.

The Republican president has tapped emergency powers, pressured foreign lead-

ers, and pressed ahead with trade policies that sparked a market sell-off when they were first announced in April.

U.S. federal appeals court judges on Thursday questioned Trump's use of the emergency powers to justify his tariffs of up to 50% on nearly all trading partners.

Trump invoked the 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act to declare an emergency over the growing U.S. trade deficit and impose his "reciprocal" tariffs and a separate fentanyl emergency.

Asian shares were headed for the worst week since April on Friday after the tariffs were announced.

European stocks hit a three-week low on Friday as investors focused on the impact of the new tariffs. The pan-European STOXX 600 index, fell around 1% in early trading, down for the third straight session and on track to end the week in red

Trump's tariff rollout comes amid more evidence they have begun driving up consumer goods prices.

U.S. Commerce Department data released Thursday showed prices for home furnishings and durable household equipment

jumped 1.3% in June, the biggest gain since March 2022.

Recreational goods and vehicles prices shot up 0.9%, the most since February 2024. Prices for clothing and footwear rose 0.4%.

Switzerland said it would push for a "negotiated solution" with the U.S., while Taiwan President Lai Ching-te said the new 20% tariff rate for the island was "temporary" and that he expected to reach a lower figure.

South Africa's Trade Minister Parks Tau said he was seeking "real, practical interventions" to defend jobs and the economy against the 30% U.S. tariff it faces.

Trump's order said some trading partners, "despite having engaged in negotiations, have offered terms that, in my judgment, do not sufficiently address imbalances in our trading relationship or have failed to align sufficiently with the United States on economic and national-security matters."

Other details are still to come, including on the "rules of origin" that will determine what products might face even higher tariffs.

This range plot displays U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff rates or the most recent previously announced or threatened tariff rates for the U.S.'s top trading partners on Aug. 1, 2025.

Trump issued a separate order, for Canada that raises the rate on Canadian goods subject to fentanyl-related tariffs to 35%, from 25% previously, saying Canada had "failed to cooperate" in curbing illicit narcotics flows into the U.S.

The higher tariffs on Canadian goods contrasted sharply with Trump's decision to grant Mexico a 90-day reprieve from higher tariffs of 30% on many goods to allow time to negotiate a broader trade pact.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said he was disappointed by Trump's decision, and vowed to take action to protect Canadian jobs and diversify exports.

## Heavy Rain Triggers Flash Floods, Travel Chaos on U.S. East Coast



**This photo provided by MontgomeryCo Fire shows the rescue of an 8-year old after flash flooding on Thursday, July 31, 2025. in Montgomery County, Md.**

NEW YORK (AP) - A total of almost 50 million people in the U.S. are under flood watches, and states of emergency have been declared in New Jersey and New York City, with state workers being sent home early.

A 13-year-old boy died after he was trapped in a storm drain in

Maryland during heavy rainfall and flooding on the East Coast, officials said.

Airports in NYC, New Jersey and Philadelphia all reported significant flight delays and cancellations as the severe weather arrived on Thursday.

Flights leaving all three of New

York's largest airports are delayed, and all inbound flights are being held until conditions improve, local media report.

Planes have also been grounded at airports in Washington DC and Baltimore, Maryland.

A major highway in the New York borough of Queens was closed in both directions, with traffic cameras and social media posts showing vehicles stranded in deep water.

Officials in New York have warned that heavy rain could also flood parts of the subway and basements.

People living in basements have been urged to move to higher floors and New Yorkers are being asked to avoid travel until Friday afternoon.

The commuter rail system into suburban Long Island suspended trains on one of its busiest lines as officials pleaded with people to stay at home.

"Stay home this evening unless it's absolutely necessary for you to go out," Nassau County executive Bruce Blakeman told Long Island residents.

## EU Court Rules Against Italy on Albania Migrant Camps Scheme

ROME/BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Europe's top court on Friday questioned the legitimacy of the "safe countries" list Italy uses to send migrants to Albania and fast-track their asylum claims, in a fresh blow to a key plank of the government's migration policy.

Conservative Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's office, in a statement, called the court ruling "surprising" and said it "weakens policies to combat mass illegal immigration and defend national borders".

Dario Belluccio, a lawyer who represented one of the Bangladeshi asylum-seekers in the specific case brought before the European Court of Justice, said the Albanian migrant camps scheme had effectively been killed off.

"It will not be possible to continue with what the Italian government had envisioned before this decision ... Technically, it seems to me

that the government's approach has been completely dismantled," he told Reuters.

Meloni had presented the offshoring of asylum-seekers to camps built in Albania as a cornerstone of her tough approach to immigration, and other European countries had looked to the idea as a possible model.

However, the scheme stumbled on legal opposition almost as soon as it was launched last year, with Italian courts ordering the return to Italy of migrants picked up at sea and taken to Albania, citing issues with European Union law.

Meloni's office complained that the EU judgment effectively allows national judges to dictate policy on migration, "further reducing the already limited" capacity of parliament and government to take decisions on the matter.

"This is a development that should

concern everybody," it said.

The case raised before the ECJ involved two Bangladeshi nationals who were rescued at sea by Italian authorities and taken to Albania, where their asylum claims were rejected based on Italy's classification of Bangladesh as a "safe" country.

The detention facilities Italy set up in Albania have been empty for months, due to judicial obstacles. Last week, a report found that their construction cost was seven times more than that of an equivalent center in Italy.

Though the Albanian scheme is stuck in legal limbo, Italy's overall effort to curb undocumented migration by sea has been more successful. There have been 36,557 such migrant arrivals in the year to date, slightly up from the same period of 2024, but far below the 89,165 recorded over the same time span in 2023.

## Dozen Killed, 52 Injured in Russian Raids on Kyiv



**Rescuers work in a destroyed apartment building after a Russian missile attack in Kyiv, Ukraine, July 31, 2025.**

KYIV (Dispatches) - Ukrainian rescuers recovered more than a dozen more bodies from the rubble of a collapsed apartment block in Kyiv overnight, bringing the death toll from Russia's worst air strike of the year on Ukraine's capital to 31.

A two-year-old was among the five children found dead after Thursday's sweeping Russian drone and missile attack, President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Friday, announcing the end of a more than 24-hour-long rescue operation.

A total of 159 people were wounded in the multi-wave strike, in which Russia launched more than 300 drones and eight missiles early on Thursday, the latest in a campaign of fierce strikes on Ukrainian towns and cities.

The worst damage was to an apartment building that partially collapsed in the Sviatoshyn district in western Kyiv. Damage was also reported in at least three other districts of the capital.

US President Donald Trump on Thursday sharply criticized Russia's "disgusting" behavior against Ukraine, while saying he was not sure whether sanctions would deter Russia. He has given President Vladimir Putin until August 8 to make a deal or else he will respond with economic pressure.

Natalia Matviyenko, 65, sitting near the damaged apartment building, said she did not place much faith in Trump's tough rhetoric.

On Friday, mourners laid flowers and lit candles at the wrecked apartment block, where rumbling excavators hoisted heavy pieces of rubble. The makeshift shrine included brightly colored stuffed animals.

On Thursday, the Russian defense ministry announced the country's troops have

taken control of the militarily strategic town of Chasov Yar in the eastern Donetsk region.

"As a result of an offensive by Battle-group South in the Kramatorsk-Druzhkovka area, the town of Chasov Yar in the Donetsk People's Republic was liberated," the ministry said in a statement.

Chasov Yar had served as a strategic stronghold and key logistical hub for Ukrainian forces in the Donetsk region.

On Friday, Germany said that it will deliver two Patriot systems to Ukraine after reaching an agreement with the U.S. that Berlin will be first in line to receive the latest systems in return.

Thanks to the U.S. commitment, "Germany can initially support Ukraine with launchers and then with additional Patriot system components," said German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius in a statement.

The Bundeswehr army will initially deliver additional Patriot launchers to Ukraine in the coming days, followed by additional system components to be handed over in two or three months.

In return, Berlin will receive new Patriot systems, for which it is providing the funding, from the United States at an accelerated pace.

Ukraine's needs for air defense have grown more urgent as Russia has intensified its nationwide aerial attacks this summer, and the Patriot systems have proven effective at destroying Russian ballistic missiles.

Germany has already delivered three of its Patriot systems to Ukraine and said on Friday that sending the additional systems will not affect its contribution to the NATO defense alliance.

## Australia, U.S. Hold Joint Military Exercise in Papua New Guinea



**Talisman Sabre drills extended across 500km of Papua New Guinea's coast this week.**

SYDNEY (Reuters) - The joint U.S. and Australian military exercise Talisman Sabre extended across 500 km (300 miles) of remote northern coast in Papua New Guinea this week, Australian officials said, the first time the war games have been taken to another country.

Talisman Sabre exercises in Australia last month involved 40,000 troops from 19 countries.

For the Papua New Guinea component, U.S., Australian and PNG forces are conducting disaster recovery and survival exercises through seven regions of PNG, moving through terrain from Wewak to Lae that saw fierce fighting between Japan and the U.S. in World War Two.

The PNG activities test "combined capabilities across sea, land, air, cyber, and space operations", a U.S. Embassy spokesman said in a statement.

The Talisman Sabre closing ceremony will be held on Monday in the PNG city of Lae.

The U.S. military gained access to Lae's major seaport under a 2023 defense deal with PNG, signed after China

struck a security pact with neighboring Solomon Islands.

The PNG defense agreement will "enhance security and prosperity for both nations", the U.S. embassy spokesperson added.

Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister James Marape met the U.S. undersecretary for defense policy, Elbridge Colby, in Washington last month to discuss regional security challenges, with Marape raising "the importance of defending Papua New Guinea's sovereignty", said the embassy spokesperson.

Colby has reportedly pressed U.S. allies Australia and Japan to clarify what role they would play if the U.S. and China went to war over Taiwan.

China has been a major infrastructure lender to PNG, and Marape's office did not respond to a Reuters request for comment.

Another key PNG site listed in the U.S. defense agreement is the Lombrum Naval Base, which PNG's Defense Minister Billy Joseph recently said will be officially handed over by Australia in a ceremony later this month, after a multi-million dollar renovation.

## News in Brief

**NAIROBI (AFP) - The Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda have held their first talks after signing a peace deal to end decades of deadly conflict in mineral-rich eastern Congo, the two countries said on Friday.**

**Eastern DRC, a region bordering Rwanda with lucrative natural resources, has been plagued by violence for more than three decades and the unrest has claimed thousands of lives. The crisis intensified early this year when the M23 armed group and Rwandan troops captured the major city of Goma in January, followed by Bukavu in February, setting up parallel administrations in each.**

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**LONDON (Reuters) - At least 16 flights to and from London's Heathrow Airport were canceled on Thursday, a day after technical problems with Britain's air traffic control system caused widespread disruption across the country's airports.**

**National Air Traffic Services (NATS), which provides air traffic control services for planes flying in UK airspace and the eastern part of the North Atlantic, said on Wednesday its systems were fully operational with capacity returning to normal after it switched to a back-up system.**

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**SAN SALVADOR (AFP) - El Salvador's lawmakers have adopted a constitutional reform to abolish presidential term limits and allow current leader Nayib Bukele – who enjoys overwhelming majority support in parliament – to run indefinitely. The reform, reviewed under an expedited procedure, was adopted by Bukele's 57 supporters in the Legislative Assembly, and voted against by only three opposition members.**

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**MOKOPANE, South Africa (AP) — A South African university launched an anti-poaching campaign to inject the horns of rhinos with radioactive isotopes that it says are harmless for the animals but can be detected by customs agents. Under the collaborative project involving the University of the Witwatersrand, nuclear energy officials and conservationists, five rhinos were injected in what the university hopes will be the start of a mass injection of the declining rhino population. Last year, about 20 rhinos at a sanctuary were injected with isotopes in trials that paved the way for Thursday's launch.**

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**PARIS (AFP) - The head of Russia's space agency Roscosmos said that he had agreed with his NASA counterpart during talks in the United States to extend the International Space Station's (ISS) operation until 2028. Space is one of the final areas of U.S.-Russia cooperation amid an almost complete breakdown in relations between Moscow and Washington over the Ukraine conflict. Roscosmos said earlier this week that its chief, Dmitry Bakanov, arrived in the United States for talks with NASA's acting administrator Sean Duffy, the first such meeting since 2018. "The dialogue went well. We agreed that we will operate the ISS until 2028... And we will work on the issue of de-orbiting it until 2030," Bakanov was quoted as saying by the TASS news agency.**