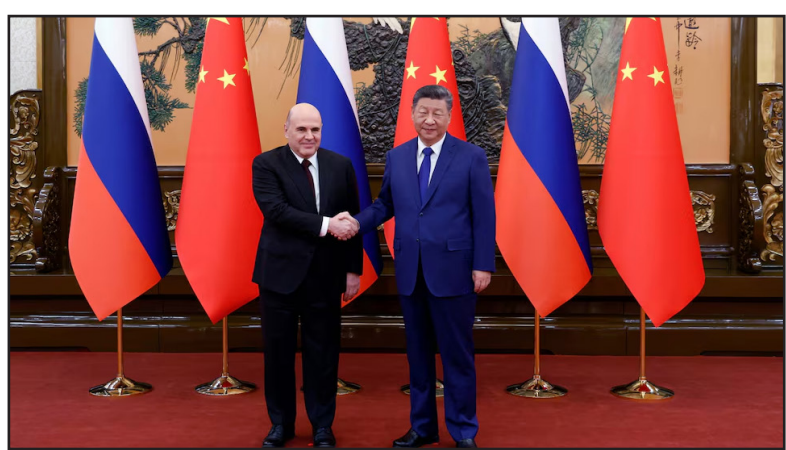


China, Russia Vow Joint Response to ‘Unilateral’ Sanctions



Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, November 4, 2025.

BEIJING (Reuters) - China and Russia pledged a joint response to unilateral sanctions during a visit by Russia's Prime Minister, as Chinese President Xi Jinping reaffirmed Beijing's commitment to advancing ties with Moscow despite "turbulent" external conditions.

"Both sides will make every necessary effort to carry out mutual assistance and cooperation in opposing unilateral coercive measures," Beijing and Moscow said in a joint communique released by China's foreign ministry on Tuesday after a meeting between Premier Li Qiang and his Russian counterpart Mikhail Mishustin the day earlier.

"Any unilateral coercive measures taken by any country or group of

countries bypassing UN Security Council resolutions are illegal," it said, adding that such measures cannot be accepted or recognized.

China and Russia are both permanent members of the UN Security Council, with power to veto its resolutions.

The remarks came amid renewed attempts by U.S. President Donald Trump to pressure Moscow over war with Ukraine - and those doing business with Moscow - with sanctions and secondary tariffs.

Beijing has also consistently sought to consolidate ties with its northern neighbor despite a recently agreed-upon trade truce with the United States.

In the joint communique, China and Russia stressed the need to "prevent

some country from abusing their monopoly and dominant position in specific sectors of the world economy," without naming the U.S. directly.

Chinese President Xi met Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin in Beijing on Tuesday, calling for expanding mutual investment, a day after Premier Li Qiang held a regular meeting with Mishustin in Hangzhou, where Li said China wanted to strengthen cooperation with Russia and defend shared security interests.

The Kremlin has highlighted the significance of Mishustin's visit at a time when Russia is under major Western sanctions over its war in Ukraine and looking to stem a recent slowdown in trade with China.

"China-Russia relations have stayed the course toward higher-level and higher-quality development, advancing steadily despite a turbulent external environment," Xi told Mishustin, according to state broadcaster CCTV.

"Safeguarding, consolidating and developing China-Russia relations is a strategic choice for both sides," Xi said.

He highlighted industries such as energy, agriculture, aerospace, digital economy and green development where the two countries could advance cooperation and foster new engines of growth.

Mishustin said it was important for both sides to continue creating favorable conditions for attracting mutual investment and supporting joint projects, according to Russia's TASS news agency.

Ukrainian Drones Reach Deep Inside Russia as Battle for Key City Rages on



Firefighters extinguish a fire after an explosion at a fuel pipeline at the Sterlitamak petrochemical plant, in Sterlitamak in the Republic of Bashkortostan, Russia.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Ukrainian long-range drones attacked an industrial plant around 1,300 kilometers (800 miles) inside Russia, local officials said Tuesday, while Ukraine's army remained locked in an intense battle to hold back a Russian push on the key city of Pokrovsk in the eastern Donetsk region.

Two drones targeted an industrial facility in Sterlitamak, a city in Russia's Bashkortostan region, regional Gov. Radiy Habirov said in an online

statement. He didn't specify what facility was targeted but he said that both drones were shot down. There were no casualties, and the facility was operating normally, he said.

Meanwhile, the city administration reported an explosion at the Sterlitamak Petrochemical Plant caused the plant's water treatment facility to partially collapse, adding that the cause of the explosion was not known. The plant, which makes rubber and aviation fuel, is not known to have been

attacked before.

Ukraine's daring strikes deep inside Russia using domestically produced drones have embarrassed Moscow, with officials being unforthcoming about any damage, and unnerved Russians. Ukraine has taken aim at manufacturing plants, oil refineries and military logistics hubs in a bid to disrupt Russia's war effort.

Explosions were also heard at an industrial area of the Nizhny Novgorod region, some 800 kilometers (500 miles) from Ukraine, where an oil refinery and a petrochemical plant are located, Russian media reported. Officials did not confirm the reports.

Both Bashkortostan and Nizhny Novgorod are among the regions where the Russian Defense Ministry said Tuesday that Ukrainian drones were shot down, claiming that 85 were intercepted overnight.

Ukrainian officials said Russia bombarded the southeastern Dnipropetrovsk region of Ukraine with drones, missiles and artillery overnight, killing one person and injuring 11 others, including two children.

Russia fired seven missiles of various types and 130 strike and decoy drones at Ukraine during the night, Ukraine's air force said.

UN Secretary-General Says Sudan's War 'Spiraling Out of Control'

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The United Nations secretary-general warned Tuesday that the war in Sudan is "spiraling out of control" after a paramilitary force seized the besieged and famine-stricken Darfur city of el-Fasher.

Speaking in Qatar, Antonio Guterres called for an immediate ceasefire in the two-year conflict that's become one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

"Hundreds of thousands of civilians are trapped by this siege," Guterres said. "People are dying of malnutrition, disease and violence." He noted "credible reports of widespread executions since the Rapid Support Forces entered the city."

The paramilitary RSF reportedly killed more than 450 people in a hospital and carried out ethnically targeted killings of civilians and sexual assaults while seizing the city

last week. It had besieged el-Fasher for 18 months, cutting off most food and other supplies needed by tens of thousands of people.

The RSF has denied committing atrocities, but testimonies from those fleeing, online videos and satellite images offer an apocalyptic vision of their attack. The scope of the violence remains unclear because communications are poor in the region.

The war between the RSF and the Sudanese military began in April 2023. More than 40,000 people have been killed, according to UN figures, but aid groups say the true death toll could be many times higher.

The fighting has driven more than 14 million people from their homes and fueled disease outbreaks. Two regions of Sudan are enduring a famine that's at risk of spreading.

Asked if he thought there was a role for international peacekeepers in Sudan, Guterres said it was important

to "gather all the international community and all those that have leverage in relation to Sudan to stop the fighting."

Guterres also said it's essential to make sure "no more weapons come into Sudan," adding: "We need to create mechanisms of accountability because the crimes that are being committed are so horrendous."

On Monday, seven people including children were killed in a RSF drone attack on a pediatric hospital in Kerno in North Darfur, according to the Sudan Doctors Network, a medical group that tracks the conflict. Five others including two children were severely wounded.

Nearly 71,000 people have been displaced since the RSF took control of el-Fasher, according to the UN migration agency. A few thousand have reached the nearest displacement camp in Tawila, 65 kilometers (40 miles) away, according to the

Canada PM Says First Budget Will Help Reduce Reliance on U.S.



Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney says his government's first budget, to be unveiled November 4, will help ease his country's dependence on U.S. trade.

OTTAWA (AFP) - Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's government presents its first budget on Tuesday, a spending plan he says will provide "the answer" for an economy starting to buckle under U.S. tariffs.

Carney, who led the central banks of Canada and England before entering politics this year, has pitched himself as the ideal person to steer Canada through unprecedented disruption in U.S. ties caused by President Donald Trump.

Trump's tariffs have hit Canada hard, driving up unemployment and squeezing businesses in crucial targeted sectors like autos, aluminum, and steel.

"Where are we going to find the growth given the headwinds from the new U.S. trade policy?," Carney told reporters in South Korea this weekend, following an Asia summit.

"What this budget will do is provide the answer to that question."

His Liberal government says the budget will address the stark new geopolitical realities facing Canada.

Specific details of the spending plan are being kept under wraps until the finance minister unveils the budget in parliament on Tuesday.

Among the headline items will be expected major increases in defense spending to bring Canada in line with NATO targets.

Funds will also be allocated to a series of national projects that Carney has said are key to Canada's economic sovereignty, given the "rupture" in economic relations with the United States.

These range from port expansion to energy production and the infrastructure needed to boost extraction of critical minerals from remote areas.

Finance Minister Francois-Philippe

Champagne called the measures he'll present on Tuesday as "an investment budget."

Carney, who replaced Justin Trudeau as prime minister in January before being elected to a full term in April, has consistently warned Canadians that the Trump-era disruptions in U.S.-Canada relations are not a passing phase.

He said this weekend that the budget would help "reduce our reliance on the United States," but noted that such a transformational shift "can't happen overnight."

Carney's April election win left his Liberals three seats short of a majority in parliament. That means the government needs opposition support — or abstentions — to pass its budget.

Because the budget is a confidence vote, its defeat would trigger fresh elections.

The Conservatives, the largest opposition party in parliament, may be the least likely to help.

Party leader Pierre Poilievre has made a range of demands in exchange for his support, including deficit reduction.

But University of Ottawa public policy expert Genevieve Tellier told AFP she expects the deficit to be "very large."

The left-wing New Democrats, who no longer have official party status in parliament after a dismal election performance in April, may prove reluctant to trigger another vote and could abstain on Carney's budget.

Tellier said she saw "little chance" of the government falling.

Asked over the weekend if he was confident his budget would pass, Carney said: "I am 100 percent confident that this budget is the right budget for this country, at this moment."

Over 3.2mn U.S. Air Passengers Impacted by Government Shutdown



Passengers wait in line at a security checkpoint at Miami International Airport in Miami amid a government shutdown.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - More than 3.2 million U.S. airline passengers have been impacted by delays or cancellations stemming from air traffic controller staffing issues since a government shutdown began on October 1, an airline group said.

Airlines for America, which represents American Airlines, United

Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways and other major carriers, said 16% of delays were because of staffing issues in October, up from the typical 5% before the shutdown.

More than 300,000 passengers alone were impacted on Friday, the single-worst day since the shutdown began, the group added.

News in Brief

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Dick Cheney, a driving force behind the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, was considered by presidential historians as one of the most powerful vice presidents in U.S. history. He died at age 84 on Monday from complications of pneumonia and cardiac and vascular disease, his family said in a statement on Tuesday. The Republican — a former Wyoming congressman and secretary of defense — was already a major Washington player when then-Texas governor George W. Bush chose him to be his running mate in the 2000 presidential race that Bush went on to win.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - U.S. President Donald Trump endorsed former New York governor Andrew Cuomo for mayor of New York City and threatened to hold back federal funds to the city if Democratic candidate Zohran Mamdani wins the mayoral election on Tuesday. Trump, a Republican who has offered frequent commentary on the New York mayoral election, injected himself further into the race by crossing party lines to support Cuomo over Mamdani and the Republican candidate, Curtis Sliwa, who trails badly in public opinion polls in the heavily Democratic city. Cuomo, a longtime stalwart in the Democratic Party, is running as an independent after losing to Mamdani in the Democratic primary. The U.S. federal government is providing \$7.4 billion to New York City in fiscal year 2026, or about 6.4 percent of the city's total spending, according to a report from the New York State Comptroller.

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain will introduce a new criminal offence banning protests outside the homes of elected officials, judges and local councillors, as part of wider efforts to curb harassment and intimidation in politics. Under the Crime and Policing Bill, police would be given powers to stop demonstrations aimed at influencing officials in their public duties or private lives, the government said on Tuesday. Those convicted could face up to six months in prison. A parliamentary survey found that 96% of British lawmakers had experienced harassment, while an independent body that oversees elections in Britain said more than half of candidates in the last general election faced threats or intimidation.

LIMA (AFP) - The government of Peru has decided to break diplomatic relations with Mexico, Peruvian foreign minister Hugo de Zela told a press conference. The minister said Betssy Chavez, former prime minister of the Pedro Castillo government, who is prosecuted for a failed coup attempt in December 2022, is being granted asylum at the residence of the Mexican embassy in Lima. "In response to this unfriendly act, and considering the repeated instances in which the current and former presidents of that country (Mexico) have interfered in Peru's internal affairs, the Peruvian government has decided, as of today, to break diplomatic relations with Mexico," he said.

SEOUL (Reuters) - North Korea fired multiple artillery rockets an hour before U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth visited the border separating it from the South, Seoul's military said on Tuesday. Pyongyang also fired similar weapons minutes before South Korean President Lee Jae Myung held talks with Chinese leader Xi Jinping last week, the South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said. The JCS said they had recently "detected about 10 artillery rockets fired into the northern part of the West Sea," Seoul's name for the Yellow Sea.

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Typhoon Kalmaegi has left at least 26 people dead in the Philippines, mostly in flooding set off by the storm, which barreled across the central part of the country on Tuesday, disaster response officials said. Floodwaters trapped scores of people on their roofs and submerged cars. A Philippine air force helicopter with five personnel on board crashed in a separate incident in southern Agusan del Sur province while flying to help provide humanitarian assistance to provinces battered by Kalmaegi. The Super Huey chopper crashed near Loreto town and efforts were underway to locate the air force personnel aboard, the military's Eastern Mindanao Command said in a statement.