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## China says will hit back after U.S. proposes fresh tariffs on \$200 billion

BBEIJING/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - China accused the United States of bullying and warned it would hit back after the Trump administration raised the stakes in their trade dispute, threatening 10 percent tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods. China's commerce ministry said on Wednesday it was "shocked" and would complain to the World Trade Organisation, but did not immediately say how it would retaliate. In a statement, it called the U.S. actions "completely unacceptable".

The foreign ministry described Washington's threats as "typical bullying" and said China needed to counter-attack to protect its interests.

"This is a fight between unilateralism and multilateralism, protectionism and free trade, might and rules," foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told a regular briefing on Wednesday.

Beijing has said it would hit back against Washington's escalating tariff measures, including through "qualitative measures," a threat that U.S. businesses in China fear could mean anything from stepped-up inspections to delays in investment approvals and even consumer boycotts.

China could also limit visits to the United States by Chinese tourists, a business state media said is worth \$115 billion, or shed some of its U.S. Treasury holdings, Iris Pang, Greater China economist at ING in Hong Kong, wrote in a note.

The \$200 billion far exceeds the total value of goods China imports from the United States, which means Beijing may need to think of creative ways to respond to such U.S. measures.

On Tuesday, U.S. officials issued a list of thousands of Chinese imports the Trump administration wants to hit with the new tariffs, including hundreds of food products as well as tobacco, chemicals, coal, steel and aluminum, prompting criticism from some U.S. industry groups.

It also includes consumer goods ranging from car tires, furniture, wood products, handbags and suitcases, to dog and cat food, baseball gloves, carpets, doors, bicycles, skis, golf bags, toilet paper and beauty products.

"For over a year, the Trump administration has patiently urged China to stop its unfair practices, open its market, and engage in true market competition," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said in announcing the proposed tariffs.

"Rather than address our legitimate concerns, China has begun to retaliate against U.S. products ... There is no justification for such action," he said in a statement.

Last week, Washington imposed 25 percent tariffs on \$34 billion of Chinese imports, and Beijing responded immediately with matching tariffs on the same amount of U.S. exports to China. Each side is planning tariffs on a further \$16 billion in goods that would bring the totals to \$50 billion.

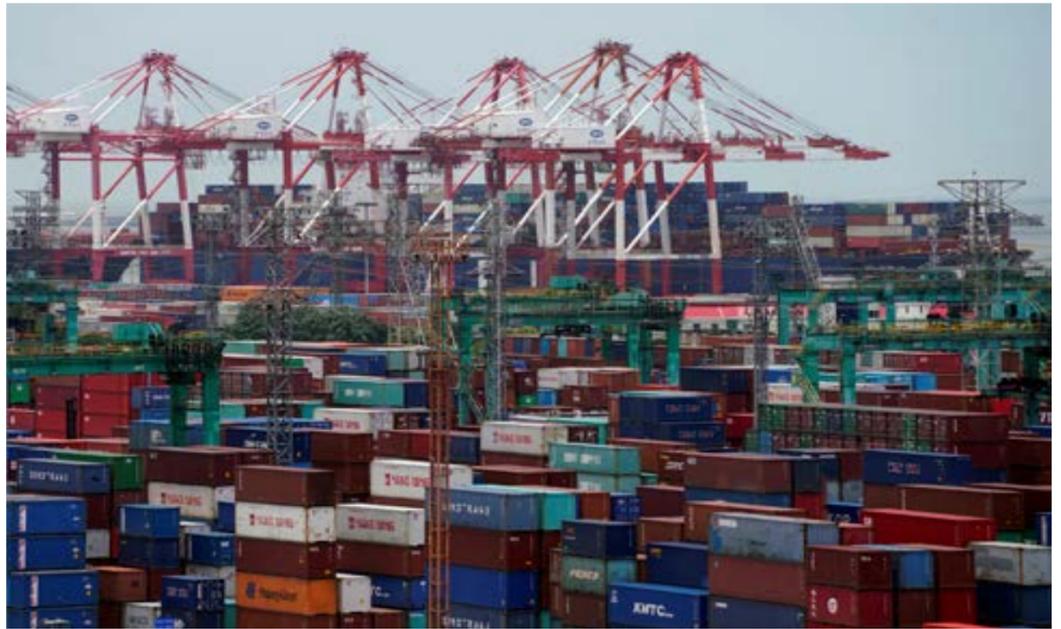
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Investors fear an escalating Sino-U.S. trade war could hit global growth and damage sentiment.

On Wednesday, the MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS was down about 1 percent, while the main indexes in Hong Kong .HSI and Shanghai .SSEC recovered somewhat after falling more than 2 percent.

S&P 500 ESc1 and Dow futures YMc1 dropped around 1 percent, pointing to a weak opening on Wall Street later on Wednesday.

The onshore yuan tracked its offshore counterpart lower with traders closely watching the key 6.7 per dollar level as pressure mounted on the currency.



Shipping containers are seen at a port in Shanghai

U.S. President Donald Trump has said he may ultimately impose tariffs on more than \$500 billion worth of Chinese goods - roughly the total amount of U.S. imports from China last year.

The new list published on Tuesday targets many more consumer goods than those covered under the tariffs imposed last week, raising the direct threat to consumers and retail firms and increasing the stakes for lawmakers in Trump's Republican party facing elections in November.

The list is subject to a two-month public comment period before taking effect.

'TARIFFS ARE TAXES'  
Some U.S. business groups and lawmakers from Trump's own Republican Party were critical of the escalating tariffs.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch said the announcement "appears reckless and is not a targeted approach."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has supported Trump's domestic tax cuts and efforts to reduce regulation of businesses, but does not back Trump's aggressive tariff policies.

"Tariffs are taxes, plain and simple. Imposing taxes on another \$200 billion worth of products will raise the costs of every day goods for American families, farmers, ranchers, workers, and job creators. It will also result in retaliatory tariffs, further hurting American workers," a Chamber spokeswoman said. Louis Kuijs, Hong Kong-based Head of Asia Economics at Oxford Economics, said while he expects China to strongly condemn the U.S. moves, its policy response is likely to be limited for now.

"In part because they have only limited ammunition and in part because it's still early in the process



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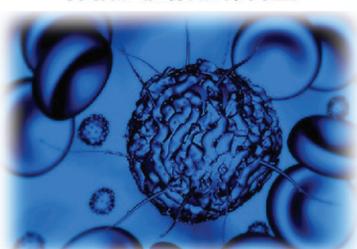
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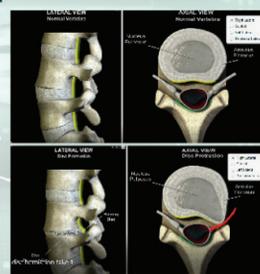
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## U.S., Mexico vow to reunite separated migrant families quickly

GUATEMALA CITY (Reuters) - The United States and Mexico on Tuesday vowed to work with Central American nations to reunite migrant families separated at the U.S. border "as quickly as possible" as the Trump administration faced fresh criticism over the practice.

Elsa Ortiz holds a placard with pictures of her son David Tobar, who's currently at a shelter in Houston, Texas, after being separated, while protesting outside the hotel where U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen is holding a meeting with foreign ministers from Mexico and Central America, in Guatemala City, Guatemala July 10, 2018. REUTERS/Luis Echeverria

More than 2,300 children were separated from their parents after U.S. President Donald Trump's government began a "zero tolerance" policy in early May, seeking to prosecute all adults who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border illegally.

Trump stopped separating children from their parents last month following public outrage and court challenges. (L-R) El Salvador's Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Castaneda, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Guatemala's Foreign Minister Sandra Jovel, Honduras' Foreign Minister Maria Dolores Aguero and Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray pose for a photo after a meeting in Guatemala City, Guatemala July 10, 2018. REUTERS/Luis Echeverria

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen met with Mexico's foreign minister, Luis Videgaray, and ministers from Central America in Guatemala City to discuss the separations and how to beat the criminal gangs profiting from migration.

"We remain very committed to re-unifying the families that have been separated as a result of illegal entry, and we will work with

our colleagues here to repatriate as quickly as possible," Nielsen told reporters at a news conference.

Videgaray, who repeated his criticism of the policy, calling it "inhumane", made the same pledge. The ministers also vowed to do more to crack down on people smugglers preying on migrants.

Guatemalan authorities said that 11 reunited family groups comprising 131 people were flown back to the country in one of two flights carrying deportees on Tuesday.

A Guatemalan migration official said access to the family groups was restricted. But other deportees still waiting to be reunited with families went to protest their plight outside the hotel where the ministers were meeting in Guatemala City.

Elsa Ortiz, 25, said she had not seen her 8-year-old boy Anthony since the two were detained in Del Rio, Texas, and then separated by border patrol officials in May.

"The days are passing, and I miss him, that's why I came to ask Donald Trump that he gives me back my little boy soon," Ortiz said, adding they had gone for a better life. "I think two months are enough punishment for mothers to learn, and for them not to set off again on journeys they shouldn't set off on."

The ministerial gathering came as a judge said the U.S. government must rapidly reunite 63 children under the age of five who were separated by immigration officials after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, or face penalties. company is just getting started. In the meantime, Lilis tentatively plans to ship its oil on the EPIC Crude Oil Pipeline stretching from the Permian to refining and port hubs in Corpu



An asylum seeker from El Salvador and his young son arrive at a shelter in San Benito after he said they were reunited following separation since late May while in detention

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Students celebrate in front of Chiang Rai Prachanukroh hospital, where the 12 soccer players and their coach rescued from the Tham Luang cave complex are being treated, in Chiang Rai



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Britain's Queen Elizabeth is joined by members of the Royal Family on the balcony of Buckingham Palace as they watch a fly past to mark the centenary of the Royal Air Force in central London



German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May take part in the family photo during the Western Balkans Summit 2018 at Lancaster House in London



U.S. Marine Jacob Kostelecky (L) keeps watch with a Mexican Marine during operations in urban terrain as they train side-by-side during a Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) at Camp Pendleton, California



Members of the Red Arrows Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team fly over London, heading for Buckingham Palace, to mark the centenary of the Royal Air Force in central London



A local resident walks in a flood affected area in Mabi town in Kurashiki

HOUSTON (July 8, 2018) – A Houston Community College student will sing the national anthem Wednesday, July 11 before the Houston Astros game at Minute Maid Park.

Raycheal Winters was one of more than 40 students to take part in HCC's 'Sing for the 'Stros' national anthem contest and emerged the winner after her sterling rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner. The 23-year-old Katy native has been singing since she was a little girl, but she has never performed for more than about 50 people. That will change - big time - when Winters sings in front of an expected sold-out Astros crowd of more than 40,000. "I'm very excited to sing the national anthem," she said. "Obviously, I'm a bit nervous, but it's a huge honor."

## HCC Student Wins Contest To Sing The National Anthem At Sold-Out Astros Game

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



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around just a few short years but their big break could be coming very soon thanks to the lead singer's next gig. "The opportunity to sing for the Astros is something that's really cool and I'm really glad it happened," Winters said. "And I think it's going to have a pretty big impact on my life. I hope it leads to something, but if anything, I'm just happy to be singing the national anthem at the Astros game."

To see Winters' original 'Sing for the Stros' contest submittal click here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=6&v=qxBf91ehBmE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=qxBf91ehBmE)

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The International District hosted a community engagement meeting on June 27 to receive input from the community on the commemorative signage in the district. Over 500 people showed up to share their opinions on the signage.

There will be another opportunity for others to weigh in on July 25 at the event to be held at Youngblood Intermediate, 8410 Dairy View Ln, Houston, TX 77072, from 6 to 7:30 pm.

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### International District Hosts Community Engagement Meeting



Winters is currently taking courses at the HCC Spring Branch Campus with the goal of transferring to the University of Houston next spring to study Communications or Media Production. She credits HCC with helping balance her busy schedule. "My experience at HCC has given me a lot more structure in my life," she said. "I like doing a lot of things: going to school and working. It just keeps me really busy. I'm the most productive when I'm busy. And I've met a lot of really cool people and had some really great teachers." When she's not in the classroom or at work, Winters is in the studio recording music with her band Rae and the Bodhi Boys. Check out their music here: <https://soundcloud.com/raemusichouston>.

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## Amid Trade Tensions, China Issues Travel Alert To Citizens About Dangers Of U.S.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

In a move considered to be politically motivated, the Chinese Embassy in Washington issued a travel advisory warning its citizens about the dangers of visiting the United States. The Chinese embassy website posted the advisory on June 28, telling Chinese tourists that expensive medical bills, the threats of public shootings and robberies, searches and seizures by customs agents, telecommunications fraud, and natural disasters are among the disturbances that can affect citizens traveling to the United States. "Public security in the United States is not good. Cases of shootings, robberies, and theft are frequent," the notice read. "Travelers in the United States should be alert to their surroundings and suspicious individuals, and avoid going out alone at night."



**The Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC on May 18, 2012. (AFP/GettyImages)** Gun violence in the United States is a common element of the Chinese regime's propaganda efforts to discredit claims of human rights abuses within its own borders—by saying the United States has more serious "human rights" concerns, like gun-related crimes. Given the timing of China's current trade spat with the United States, observers suspect that the travel advisory is an example of the Chinese regime wielding tourism as a tool to settle political scores. U.S. President Donald Trump's administration is set to impose tariffs on \$50 billion worth of goods from China and has threatened successive waves of duties on up to \$450 billion in Chinese imports if China retaliates with punitive tariffs of its own. Chinese tourists have enormous spending power. According to the latest data from the U.N. World Tourism Organization, Chinese tourists spent \$261 billion while traveling overseas in 2016, making them the world's top-consuming tourists for the fifth consecutive year. A total of 135 million Chinese citizens traveled abroad that year, of which 3 million visited the United States.



It's not the first time the Chinese regime has stoked Chinese tourists' nationalist pride for political purposes, with one recent case concerning South Korea in 2017. The Seoul government had allowed the United States to deploy its anti-missile defense system, called Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), on the peninsula to counter North Korea's continued nuclear threats.



**Two Chinese women take selfies on the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City in March 2016. (Photo/Shutterstock.com)** China, however, claimed that THAAD radars could spy on Chinese territory and

strongly opposed South Korea's decision to host the U.S. system.

The Chinese regime quickly restricted group travel to South Korea as retaliation. Fueled by the regime's anti-South propaganda, Chinese consumers also began to boycott South Korean products. Additionally, some South Korean corporations saw their projects in China halted or delayed by Chinese authorities. For example, construction stalled on a theme park opened by South Korean conglomerate Lotte in Shenyang City, northeastern China. In February 2017, the company had agreed to provide land from its golf courses to host the THAAD system. Conversely, China has encouraged tourism to North Korea, its communist ally. Chinese tourist spending is one of North Korea's few remaining sources of income as it has faced severe international sanctions. (Courtesy <https://www.theepochtimes.com>)

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**citizens about potential risks abroad, a spokesman said when asked if the alert was politically motivated**

The Chinese embassy in Washington has issued a security advisory to Chinese nationals traveling to the US, the latest such warning as trade tensions escalate between the two nations.

The embassy warned Chinese tourists to be

aware of issues including expensive medical bills, the threats of public shootings and robberies, searches and seizures by customs agents, telecommunications fraud and natural disasters. It also advised travelers to dial 911 to call police and insist on speaking in Chinese to receive assistance in Chinese.

Aside from an additional warning about the risk of natural disasters, the advisory was similar to one the embassy posted in January. Tensions are high between the two nations over the threat of tariffs.

US President Donald Trump's administration is set to impose tariffs on US\$34 billion of additional goods from China on Friday, citing unfair Chinese trade practices, and has threatened successive waves of duties on up to US\$450 billion in Chinese imports. China has vowed to retaliate in kind with its own tariffs on US agricultural products and other goods, and to take more "qualitative" measures if Trump escalates the conflict.



Asked if the timing of the alert was politically motivated, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that summer was the high season for Chinese going to the US and that Chinese embassies had an obligation to warn citizens about potential risks abroad.

"This kind of reminder from the Chinese embassy in the relevant country, I think this is absolutely a matter that is in the scope of our duty," ministry spokesman Lu Kang (陸慷) told a regular news briefing.

There was little mention of the latest embassy alert on Chinese social media.

China frequently issues travel warnings for Chinese abroad, generally in war-afflicted regions.

However, some foreign governments have argued that Beijing uses other means, such as curtailing outbound tourism, to settle political or trade scores, although the Chinese government typically denies such issues are linked.

China banned all group tours to South Korea for part of last year in the wake of Seoul's decision to install the US' Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, which has a powerful radar Beijing worries can penetrate Chinese territory. (Courtesy [taipeitimes.com](http://taipeitimes.com))

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