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## U.S. hits allies with tariffs as risk of trade

## war rises

WASHINGTON/PARIS (Reuters) - The United States on Thursday said it will impose tariffs on aluminum and steel imports from Canada, Mexico and the European Union, reigniting investor fears of a global trade war as Washington's allies took steps to retaliate against U.S. goods. The move, announced by U.S. Commerce Secretary

The move, announced by U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in a telephone briefing on Thursday, ended months of uncertainty about potential tariff exemptions and suggested a hardening of the Trump administration's approach to trade negotiations.

It also sent a chill through financial markets, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average down about 1 percent and the S&P 500 off around 0.6 percent. Shares of industrial heavyweights Boeing fell 1.5 percent while those of Caterpillar shed 2 percent.

A 25 percent tariff on steel imports and 10 percent tariff on aluminum imports will be imposed on the EU, Canada and Mexico starting at midnight (0400 GMT on Friday), Ross told reporters.

"We look forward to continued negotiations, both with Canada and Mexico on the one hand, and with the European Commission on the other hand, because there are other issues that we also need to get resolved," he said.

Canada and Mexico, embroiled in talks with the United States to modernize the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), responded swiftly.

Canada, the largest supplier of steel to the United States, will impose retaliatory tariffs covering C\$16.6 billion in imports from the United States, including whiskey, orange juice, steel, aluminum and other products, Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said.



A building of the ArcelorMittal steel plant is seen in Ghent, Belgium, May 22, 2018. RE-UTERS/Yves Herman

Ottawa will also challenge the tariffs under NAFTA and World Trade Organization rules, she said. fell 2.4 percent, with shares of meat producer Tyson Foods Inc dropping 4 percent. Campbell Soup Co was down 3.2 percent

Mexico announced what it described as "equivalent" measures on a wide range of U.S. farm and industrial products. The measures, which target pork legs, apples, grapes and cheese as well as steel and other products, will be in place until the U.S. government eliminates its tariffs, Mexico's Economy Ministry said.

The S&P 500's packaged foods and meats industry sub-index

fell 2.4 percent, with shares of meat producer Tyson Foods Inc dropping 4 percent. Campbell Soup Co was down 3.2 percent and spice maker McCormick & Co Inc shed 3.6 percent. The Mexican peso dropped about 1 percent and the Canadian dollar shed about 0.6 percent. At its low, the peso was at its weakest against the dollar in nearly 15 months. The European Union has threatened tariffs on Harley Davidson motorcycles and bourbon, measures aimed at the political bases of U.S. Republican legislators.

## Dollar strengthens against loonie, peso after U.S. sets tariffs

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The greenback on Thursday strengthened against the Canadian dollar and the Mexican peso following news the United States will impose tariffs on aluminium and steel imports from both neighbouring countries, as well as from the European Union. "On balance adjusted trade measures are usu-

ally... negative for the USD because it is seen as lying on a continuum with a preference for a weaker currency," said Daniel Katzive, head of FX strategy North America at BNP Paribas in New York.

"But it can also have an impact on the risk environment and the economic outlook in other countries, which makes things complicated." Against the Canadian dollar, the greenback strengthened by as much as 0.9 percent to a session high of 1.299, retracing most of the gains made by the loonie Wednesday on the back of a hawkish Bank of Canada statement.

The psychologically significant barrier of 20 pesos to the U.S. dollar was broken following the tariff news, before the exchange rate settled just under that level, last at 19.954.

Not all investors were certain the gains would persist. At the very least, "I do think that if negative news about non-farm payrolls comes out, we're going to see dollar losses," said Michael Diaz, head of foreign exchange at XE in Buena

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Park, California in reference to the Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report that will be released on Friday morning.

The euro remained resilient against the dollar, in spite of the trade announcement, maintaining levels set earlier in the day on the news that Italy's anti-establishment political leaders Matteo Salvini and Luigi Di Maio reached a deal to resurrect their proposed coalition government, averting the prospect of a new snap election which had rattled global markets.

The rise of a potentially eurosceptic government in Italy and the impact that could have on the stability of Europe had driven the euro to 10-month lows against the dollar on Tuesday.

The euro strengthened against the dollar on Thursday, climbing half a percent to a three-day high of \$1.1724, after having risen 1.1 percent the previous day, its second-biggest daily gain this year.

The dollar shed 0.5 percent to 108.37 yen, edging back toward Tuesday's five-week low of 108.10 yen.

The dollar index, which measures the green-back against a basket of six major currencies, was down 0.4 percent to a session low of 93 717



Men walk by a board displaying the exchange rate for Mexican Peso and U.S. Dollar at a CIBank branch in Mexico City



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## LOCAL NEWS

# Donald Trump makes first trip to Houston since Harvey

By Jeremy Wallace,

President Donald Trump met with dozens of community leaders from Sante Fe on Thursday on his first visit to the region since the mass shooting that took the lives of 10 people and injured another 13.

After Trump arrived in Houston just before 11 a.m., the President was whisked away to a closed door session where he was to listen to community leaders and victims who survived the tragedy on May 18. The White House did not give reporters access to the event or give immediate reports on what specifically was talked about.

White House officials would only say he spoke to first responders and "impacted families." Trump waved to the media as he left the meeting but did not make any comments. After the meeting at Ellington Joint Reserve Base in Houston, Trump was planning to travel to the St. Regis Hotel for a fundraiser to help raise money for U.S. Senate candidates around the nation. That event was also closed to the media.

President Donald Trump says summit talks are going well and North Korean officials may come to Washington, D.C. Friday with a letter from Kim Jong Un. (May 31)

It marks Trump's 2nd visit to Houston and his 5th to Texas since he became President. As he arrived, Trump was greeted as he stepped off Air Force One by Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, among others.



Aug. 29, 2017 Corpus Christi - Days after Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Rockport, Trump meets with disaster response officials and surveys damage from the air.

Sept. 2, 2017 Houston - Trump tours Houston in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey's destruction. Oct. 25, 2017 Dallas - Trump receives a hurricane recovery update at Dallas Love Field then attends a fundraiser for the Trump Victory Campaign.

May 4, 2018 Dallas - Trump attends the NRA's annual meetings and convention in Dallas May 31, 2018 Houston, then Dallas - Trump attends a fundraising luncheon in Houston, then travels to Dallas for another fundraising event.



Supporters greet President Donald Trump as he lands at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base before meeting with those affected by the Santa Fe High School Shooting Thursday, May 31, 2018 in Houston.



President Donald Trump meets with US Representative Randy Weber, left, Senator Ted Cruz, top center, and Governor Greg Abbott, bottom center, after landing at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base Thursday, May 31, 2018 in Houston. Trump is scheduled to meet with those affected by the Santa Fe High School Shooting before attending a fundraiser.





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## Editor's Choice



FILE PHOTO: A U.S. Dollar note is seen in this June 22, 2017 illustration photo. REUTERS/Thomas White/Illustration/File Photo



FILE PHOTO: A photo illustration shows a U.S. 100 dollar banknote against Turkish lira banknotes of various denominations



U.S. President Donald Trump waves as he boards Air Force One in Houston, Texas



U.S. president Trump supporter holds a banner against MS-13 before a forum about Central American-based Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) gang organization at the Morrelly Homeland Security Center in Bethpage, New York



Italy's Prime Minister-designate Conte talks to the media at the Quirinal Palace in Rome



Tennis - French Open - Roland Garros, Paris, France - May 31, 2018 Russia's Maria Sharapova in action during her second round match against Croatia's Donna Vekic REUTERS/Christian Hartmann



Governor of the Bank of England Mark Carney arrives at the G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in Whistler



Canada's PM Trudeau arrives at a news conference in Ottawa



A woman sells soccer merchandise outside the house of soccer player Paolo Guerrero's mother after Swiss court temporarily lifts his doping suspension and he can participate in the World Cup, in Lima



## COMMUNITY

• Slow or irregular breathing;

sciousness, or coma; and

bluish or pale skin.

• Mental confusion, stupor, loss of con-

• Hypothermia or low body temperature,

An alcohol overdose can lead to perma-

nent brain damage or death, so a person

showing any of these signs requires im-

mediate medical attention. If you or your

graduate notices any of these signs, don't

wait. Call 911 if you suspect an alcohol

Tell your graduate to play it safe and

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Dear Parents - This is about your graduate:

#### --Graduation...

Graduation is a time to celebrate. But before your high school seniors begin their parties, take the time to talk with them about keeping events alcohol-free—it just may save a life. No amount of underage drinking is legal or safe. And we know that any underage drinking can lead to consuming too much alcohol, which may result in poor decisions, injuries, alcohol overdose, and possibly death.

#### It's About Your Teen...

A teenager's brain is still developing, and it is very sensitive to alcohol's effects on judgment and decision-making. Tragedies can—and do—happen, so underage drinking should not be a part of any end-of-year celebration

#### The Effects of Alcohol Can Be Deceptive...

If you are asked to explain the reasons behind your rules, you can describe the effects of alcohol on the human body:

When people drink alcohol, they may temporarily feel elated and happy, but they should not be fooled. As blood alcohol level rises, the effects on the body—and the potential risks—multiply. Inhibitions and memory become affected, so people may say and do things that they will regret later and possibly not remember doing at all.



- · Decision-making skills are affected, so people may be at greater risk for driving under the influence—and risking an alcohol-related traffic crash—or making unwise decisions about sex.
- · Aggression can increase, potentially leading to everything from verbal abuse to physical fights.

### Parents--Talk With Your High School Grads About Celebrating Safely

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• Coordination and physical control are also impacted. When drinking leads to loss of balance, slurred speech, and blurred vision, even normal activities can become more dangerous.

· Consumption of a dangerously high amount of alcohol can also lead to alcohol overdose and death.

 Vulnerability to overdose increases if the teen is already on a sedative-hypnotic or pain medication. When people drink too much, they may eventually pass out (lose consciousness). Reflexes like gagging and breathing can be suppressed. That means people who have had too much alcohol could vomit and choke, or just stop breathing completely.

#### Think About It!

Drinking to celebrate graduation can result in vandalism, arrests, sexual assaults, injuries and trips to the emergency room, alcohol-related traffic crashes, and worse. Drinking by teens can put them—and their friends—in real danger. Ask them to consider this question: Is that any way to celebrate?

It is critical to talk with your graduate because research shows that parents do make a difference. By serving as a positive role model, talking with other parents and your teens, supervising parties to make sure no alcohol is served, and supporting alcohol-free school celebrations, you can help prevent a life-changing mistake.

Talk With Your Graduate...



#### **A Word About Alcohol Overdose**

the emergency room each year for alcohol overdose, which occurs when high levels of alcohol suppress the nervous and respiratory systems. Signs of this dangerous condition can include:

- § Prevalence of Drinking: According to the 2015 NSDUH, 58.0 percent of fulltime college students ages 18-22 drank alcohol in the past month compared with 48.2 percent of other persons of the same
- § Prevalence of Binge Drinking: According to the 2015 NSDUH, 37.9 percent of college students ages 18-22 reported binge drinking in the past month compared with 32.6 percent of other persons of the same age.1
- § Prevalence of Heavy Drinking: According to the 2015 NSDUH, 12.5 percent of college students ages 18-22 reported heavy alcohol use in the past month compared with 8.5 percent of other persons of the same age.1
- 1 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). Table 6.84B—Tobacco Product and Alcohol Use in Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 22, by College Enrollment Status: Percentages, 2014 and 2015. Available at: https://www.samhsa. gov/data/sites/default/files/NSDUH-Det-Tabs-2015/NSDUH-DetTabs-2015/NS-DUH-DetTabs-2015.htm#tab6-84b. Accessed 1/18/17.

#### Consequences

Researchers estimate that each year:

1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor-vehicle crashes.1 696,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking.2 97,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 report experiencing alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.3 Roughly 20 percent of college students meet the criteria for an AUD.4 About 1 in 4 college students report academic consequences from drinking, including missing class, falling behind in class, doing poorly on exams or papers, and receiving lower grades overall. (Courtesy National Institute On Alcohol Abuse And Alcoholism)



Thousands of students are transported to



experience. Many students come to college with established drinking habits, and the collecwith established drinking habits, and the college environment can exacerbate the problem. According to a national survey, almost 60 percent of college students ages 18–22 drank alcohol in

the past month,1 and almost 2 out of 3 of them engaged in binge drinking during that

Consequences of Harmful and Underage College Drinking

Drinking affects college students, their families, and college communities at large. Researchers estimate

About 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintention

About 696,000 students between the ages of 18

been drinking.4 Sexual Assault

About 97,000 students between the ages of 18



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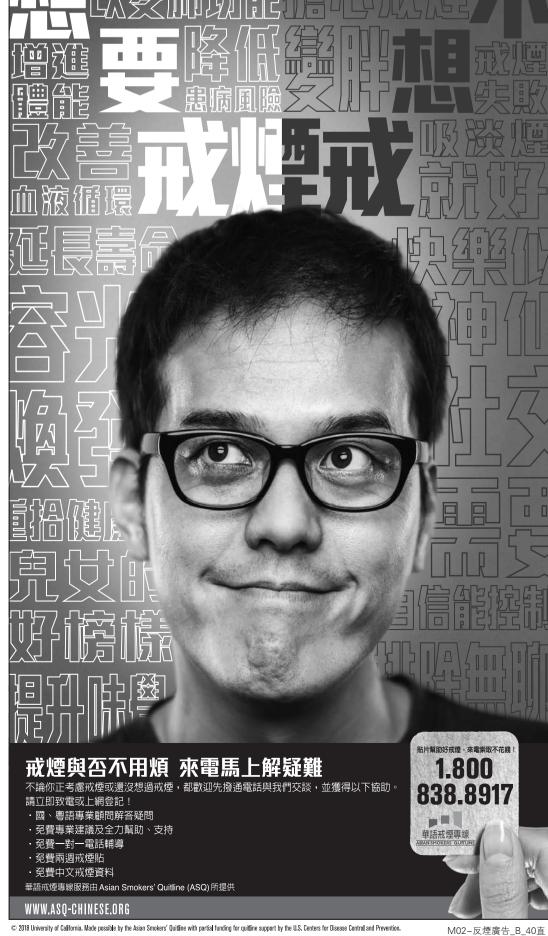
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President Donald Trump appeared to confirm that his summit with Kim Jong Un was back on, three days after he abruptly called off the historic meeting in a sharply worded letter to the North Korean leader. "Our United States team has arrived in North Korea to make arrangements for the Summit between Kim Jong Un and myself," Trump said in tweet on Sunday afternoon, making no reference to his recent decision to pull out of the meeting.

"I truly believe North Korea has brilliant potential and will be a great economic and financial Nation one day," Trump added. "Kim Jong Un agrees with me on this. It will happen!"

The president's reference to a bright future echoes recent remarks by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo envisioning major investments by U.S. companies and those of other nations if Kim ends his country's pariah status by giving up its nuclear ar-

The State Department earlier confirmed reports that a U.S. delegation is meeting with North Korean officials to prepare for the summit, which had been set for Singapore on June 12.

"AU.S. delegation is in ongoing talks with North Korean officials at Panmunjom," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement, referring to the truce village in the demilitarized zone between the Koreas. "We continue to prepare for a meeting between the president and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un."



#### U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (Photo/Bloomberg)

Trump says his administration is holding direct talks with North Korea about the on-again, off-again summit

(Source: Bloomberg)

#### Kim, Moon Talk

Nauert provided no further details. The Washington Post reported that Sung Kim, a former U.S. ambassador to South Korea, is leading the delegation and met Sunday

## Trump Proceeds As Though Summit With Kim Is Still On

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with North Korea's vice foreign minister, Choe Son Hui.

Kim, a South Korean born diplomat, is a former nuclear negotiator and current U.S. ambassador to the Philippines. Allison Hooker, a Korea specialist on the National Security Council, is reportedly also part of the team. The meetings are expected to go through Monday and Tuesday, the newspaper reported, citing an unnamed person familiar with the arrangements.

The U.S. has decided to hold off on implementing major new sanctions on North Korea while attempts to revive the summit are underway, the Wall Street Journal reported Monday. The White House was preparing to announced a ramped-up sanctions regime as soon as Tuesday, but decided on Monday to indefinitely delay the measures while talks are ongoing, according to a U.S. official the newspaper didn't name.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in held a surprise two-hour meeting Saturday with Kim on the border in a bid to keep the Trump summit on track. Moon said on Sunday that Kim requested the meeting, only the fourth ever by leaders of the two countries since the Korean War.



Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un held a surprise two-hour meeting last Saturday.

Moon could travel to Singapore for a three-way summit with Kim and Trump next month, Yonhap News Agency reported Monday. The South Korean presidential office said later in a text message that Seoul is "just considering the possibility' of such a meeting and "at a working lev-

#### **Armistice to Peace**

During a phone call Monday, Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe agreed to meet again to continue close coordination before the "expected meeting" between the U.S. and North Korea, according to a statement from the White House. The two leaders -- who met in April -- affirmed their shared goal of achieving complete dismantlement of North Korea's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons,

and ballistic missile programs, according to the statement.

The White House said Saturday that an advance team will travel to Singapore, the planned site of the summit, to continue preparations.



Moon Jae-in meets with Kim Jong Un on May 26.

#### (Courtesy South Korean Presidential **Blue House via Getty Images**)

"Chairman Kim clearly appealed once again that his intent to completely denuclearize the Korean Peninsula is firm." Moon said. "What's unclear for Chairman Kim, in my opinion, is not his willingness for denuclearization but whether he can certainly trust the U.S. saying that it'll end hostile relations and guarantee the security of his regime after his denuclearization." South Korea is reviewing ways to address North Korea's security concerns, including converting the current armistice into a peace agreement, a senior Moon administration official said on Sunday. Moon reiterated a goal to hold a trilateral summit with both Trump and Kim to officially end the Korean War if their meeting is successful.

The second meeting between Kim and Moon in as many months reflects urgency among both men to maintain momentum for diplomacy. Since taking power last year, Moon has sought to facilitate dialogue between Trump and Kim to avoid the possibility of a devastating military conflict on the Korean Peninsula.

North Korea's state news agency, KCNA, said the Korean leaders had agreed to "high-level" talks between the two countries on June 1. "They shared the opinion that they would meet frequently in the future to make dialogue brisk and pool wisdom and efforts," KCNA said.

#### **Main Dispute**

The main dispute between the U.S. and North Korea boils down to how fast Kim should give up his weapons, and what he'll get in return.

North Korea rejected outright calls from U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton to follow the so-called Libva model of quickly giving up its nuclear weapons before it gets anything in return. Libyan dictator Moammar Qaddafi was killed in an uprising several years later.



#### U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton (Photo/Bloomberg)

Moon on Sunday dodged a question on whether Kim clearly mentioned whether he would agree to the U.S. demand for complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization

"If North Korea and the U.S. are to have a summit, then their summit is possible only after they confirm each other's intention on that regard," Moon said. "I'd like to say that the fact that North Korea and the U.S. agreed to have a summit and working-level talks indicates that the U.S. has already confirmed the North's intentions." Keeping Nukes

Michael Hayden, who led the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency, said on ABC's "This Week" that a summit is "more rather than less likely" to happen. But he and Republican Senator Marco Rubio agreed it's unrealistic to expect Kim to give up his nuclear weapons.

"I remain convinced that he does not want to denuclearize, in fact he will not denuclearize," Rubio, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Intelligence committees. "But he wants to give off this perception that he's this open leader, that he's peaceful, that he's reasonable."

Rubio called Kim's willingness to release U.S. hostages and destroy a nuclear test site "all a show." (Courtesy Bloomberg.



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