

US Treasury Secretary calls on G7 countries to impose tariffs on Russian crude buyers

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US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Friday (Washington time) called on G7 countries to join the US in imposing tariffs on countries purchasing Russian oil.

According to a read out from the Treasury Department, Bessent welcomed efforts to immobilise Russian assets. "During today's call with G7 Finance Ministers, Secretary Bessent reiterated President Trump's call to our G7 partners that, if they are truly

committed to ending the war in Ukraine, they should join the US in imposing tariffs on countries purchasing oil from Russia.

The US has levied an additional 25 per cent tariff on India on the grounds that it was continuing to purchase Russian oil. This is in addition to the 25 per cent tariff previously announced by US President Trump.

SOME HOPE

On September 2, Bessent had expressed confidence that India and the US will resolve the trade friction

between them, as he believed that New Delhi's values are much closer to Washington than to China and Russia.

"I think at the end of the day, two great countries will get this solved. But the Indians have not been great actors in terms of buying Russian oil and then reselling it, financing the Russian war effort in Ukraine," he told Fox Business.

On Friday, Trump told Fox News that he was 'losing out fast' on patience with Russian President Vladimir Putin and that the US would have to do something strong very fast.

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Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and the U.S. Trade Representative, Jamieson Greer, were on a call with G7 Finance Ministers on Friday when they reiterated President Donald Trump's call to the



Applying pressure: Donald Trump with Scott Bessent, middle, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. AFP

bloc's partners about imposing tariffs on countries purchasing oil from Russia.

G7 is an intergovernmental bloc of rich, industrialised countries com-

prising the U.S., Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the U.K.

Meanwhile, Mr. Trump said he was ready to sanction Moscow, but on the

condition that all NATO allies agree to completely halt purchases of Russian oil and implement their own sanctions.

He also suggested members of the transatlantic alliance consider slapping tariffs of 50% to 100% on China as a way to help end Russia's war in Ukraine. "I am ready to do major Sanctions on Russia when all NATO Nations have agreed, and started, to do the same thing, and when all NATO Nations STOP BUYING OIL FROM RUSSIA," Mr. Trump said in a social media post, which he described as a letter to all NATO nations and the world.

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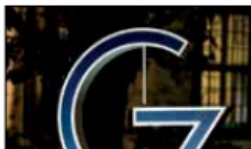
50% tariffs on Indian goods, including a 25% additional duty for India's purchase of Russian crude oil. Mr. Trump branded NATO nations' purchase of Russian oil "shocking" and said it weakens their bargaining power over Moscow. "Anyway, I am ready to 'go' when you are. Just say when?"

"I believe that (NATO sanctions on Russia), plus NATO, as a group, placing 50% to 100% TARIFFS ON CHINA, to be fully withdrawn after the WAR with Russia and Ukraine is ended, will also be of great help in ENDING this deadly, but RIDICULOUS, WAR," Mr. Trump added.

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announced plans to conclude the first phase of the India-US bilateral trade agreement by the fall of 2025.

A statement from Champagne said, “Russia’s increasingly aggressive stance,



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THE US has asked G7 countries to ramp up pressure on countries buying Russian oil, to end the war in Ukraine, a joint statement released by the US Department of the Treasury said on Friday. The statement said the US has received "commitments" from G7 countries to increase sanctions pressure on Russian oil buyers. China and India are the top buyers of Russian oil.

"Only with a unified effort that cuts off the revenues funding Putin's war machine at the source will we be able to apply sufficient economic pressure to end the senseless killing," Scott Bessent, US Secretary of the Treasury, and Jamieson Greer, United States Trade Representative, told the G7 Finance Ministers, according to the joint statement.

The US call to intensify pressure on India and China comes weeks after Washington dramatically raised tariffs on Indian goods to 50 per cent — higher than China, which is facing 30 per cent tariffs, or other competitors such as Vietnam and Bangladesh, which are facing tariffs of less than 20 per cent — raising fears of job losses in labour-intensive sectors and complicating negotiations for a trade deal.

"Thanks to President Trump's bold leadership, the United States has already taken dramatic action against the purchasers of Russian oil. We are encouraged by the assurances of our fellow G7 nations that they are committed to ending this war, and we are hopeful that they will join us in taking decisive action at this critical time,"



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The G7 is an informal bloc of countries, including the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the UK.

On Friday, US President Donald Trump, in an interview with Fox News, stated that imposing tariffs on India for purchasing Russian oil was not an easy decision, and that it has caused a rift with New Delhi. "Look, India was their biggest customer. I put a 50 per cent tariff on India because they're buying oil from Russia. That's not an easy thing to do.

That's a big deal, and it causes a rift with India. But I've already done it. I've done a lot. And remember this is a European problem much more than our problem," he said.

However, India has maintained that it will continue to buy Russian oil. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman earlier this month said that economic and commercial considerations drive India's oil purchases.

The Finance Minister also said that the impact of 50 per cent tariffs imposed on Indian goods by the Trump administration would be offset to a certain extent by the recently announced Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms, which included simplification and reduction of indirect tax rates on numerous items. The government is also working on measures to "handhold" those hit by the high US tariffs. Sitharaman said in an interview with television news channel CNN-News 18. India is the world's third-largest consumer of crude and depends on imports to meet around 88 per cent of its requirement. Russian crude, which usually comes at a discount, has helped India save billions of dollars' worth of foreign exchange over the past three years.

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नरेला में सबसे पुराना सीएनजी स्टेशन बंदहाल, उपभोक्ता परेशान

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दिल्ली देहात के नरेला विधानसभा के सिंघौला-बबाना मार्ग स्थित सबसे पहले बने 'मेघा सीएनजी स्टेशन' (माबंल मार्किट के पास) की स्थिति इन दिनों बेहद दयनीय हो चुकी है। उपभोक्ताओं की लगातार मिल रही शिकायतों के बाद बांकनेर रजिडेंशियल वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन (आरडब्ल्यूए) के अध्यक्ष एस.एल. खत्री ने केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी को पत्र लिखकर स्टेशन की तुरंत नवीनीकरण की मांग की है। आरडब्ल्यूए अध्यक्ष खत्री ने केंद्रीय मंत्री से आग्रह किया है कि इंद्रप्रस्थ गैस लिमिटेड (आईजीएल) के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी मौके का दौरा करें और उपभोक्ताओं की समस्याओं को दूर करने के लिए सुधारात्मक कदम उठाएं। पत्र की प्रतियां उपराज्यपाल, मुख्यमंत्री, सांसद और विधायक को भी भेजी गई हैं ताकि इस मुद्दे को गंभीरता से लिया जाए।



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मोदी ने मिजोरम की पहली रेल लाइन का किया उद्घाटन

भाषा। आइजोल

प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने शनिवार को मिजोरम की पहली रेल लाइन का उद्घाटन किया और आइजोल को दिल्ली से जोड़ने वाली राज्य की पहली राजधानी एक्सप्रेस को हरी झंडी दिखाई। लगभग 8,070 करोड़ रुपये की बैराबी-सैरंग रेल लाइन को भारतीय रेल के इतिहास में सबसे चुनौतीपूर्ण माना जाता है। परियोजना को मंजूरी साल 2008-09 में मिली थी और इसका निर्माण 2015 में शुरू हुआ था। इस रेल लाइन में 45 सुरंग, 55 बड़े पुल और 87 छोटे पुल हैं।

पूर्वोत्तर सीमांत रेलवे के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि सैरंग के पास स्थित पुल 114 मीटर ऊंचा है और इसकी ऊंचाई कुतुब मीनार से भी ज्यादा है। अधिकारी ने बताया कि यह देश का खम्भे वाला सबसे ऊंचा पुल है। इस रेल मार्ग में पांच सड़क ओवरब्रिज और छह अंडरपास भी हैं। इस रेल मार्ग पर बैराबी के अलावा चार मुख्य स्टेशन- होरटोकी, कावनपुई, मुआलखांग और सैरंग पड़ते हैं। मिजोरम और देश के बाकी हिस्सों के



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राज्य के लिए ऐतिहासिक दिन: लालदुहोमा

आइजोल। मिजोरम के मुख्यमंत्री लालदुहोमा ने शनिवार को कहा कि आज का दिन राज्य के लिए ऐतिहासिक दिन है क्योंकि राज्य देश के रेल नेटवर्क से जुड़ गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि इसका दूरगामी प्रभाव होगा क्योंकि यह राज्य और भारत के बीच सपनों और वास्तविकताओं का सेतु बनेगा। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी द्वारा मिजोरम की पहली रेल लाइन का उद्घाटन करने और आइजोल को दिल्ली से जोड़ने वाली राज्य की

पहली राजधानी एक्सप्रेस को हरी झंडी दिखाए जाने के अवसर पर लालदुहोमा एक सभा को संबोधित कर रहे थे। लालदुहोमा ने कहा कि आज हमारे राज्य के लिए एक ऐतिहासिक दिन है। यह प्रगति की हमारी यात्रा में एक नया अध्याय शुरू करता है... रेलवे परियोजनाएं केवल बुनियादी ढांचा नहीं हैं; ये हमारे बच्चों के भविष्य, हमारे नागरिकों के सम्मान और हमारे राज्य की आर्थिक मजबूती में निवेश हैं।

प्रधानमंत्री की पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र विकास पहल (पीएम-देवाइन) योजना के तहत 500 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की लागत वाली 45 किलोमीटर लंबी आइजोल बाईपास सड़क से आइजोल शहर में भीड़भाड़ कम होगी और लुंगलेई, सियाहा, लॉन्गतालाई, लेंगपुई हवाई अड्डे और सैरंग रेलवे स्टेशन समेत अन्य से संपर्क में सुधार होगा। सैरछिप जिले में पूर्वोत्तर विशेष अवसरचरणा विकास योजना (एनईएसआईडीएस) रोड के अंतर्गत

खानकॉन-रोंगुरा सड़क से बाजारों तक बेहतर पहुंच सुनिश्चित होगी और क्षेत्र के विभिन्न बागवानी किसानों और अन्य लोगों को लाभ होगा। साथ ही अदरक प्रसंस्करण संयंत्र को भी सहायता मिलेगी। प्रधानमंत्री ने लॉन्गतालाई-सियाहा रोड पर छिमटुईपुई पुल, खेलों के विकास के लिए 'खेलो इंडिया' बहुउद्देशीय इनडोर हॉल और आइजोल के मुआलखांग में एक एनपीजी बॉटलिंग प्लांट की आधारशिला भी रखी।

‘रूस से तेल खरीदने वालों पर शुल्क लगाएं जी7 देश’

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 13 सितंबर।

अमेरिका ने जी7 देशों से रूस से तेल खरीदने वाले देशों पर शुल्क लगाने का अनुरोध किया है। अमेरिका ने जोर देकर कहा कि केवल एकीकृत प्रयास से ही मास्को की युद्ध मशीन को धन मुहैया कराने वाले स्रोत को बंद किया जा सकता है।

अमेरिकी वित्त मंत्री स्कॉट बेसेंट और व्यापार प्रतिनिधि राजदूत जैमीसन ग्रीर ने शुक्रवार को जी7 के वित्त मंत्रियों के साथ बातचीत की और उन्होंने राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप की अपील के बारे में बताया।



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जैमीसन ग्रीर

अमेरिका ने कहा कि ऐसा करके ही रूस को वैश्वकूपी भरी हथवाएं ठेकने के लिए पर्याप्त दबाव बनाया जा सकता है।

कनाडा के वित्त और राष्ट्रीय राजस्व मंत्री फ्रांस्वा-फिलिप शैम्पेन ने यूक्रेन के खिलाफ युद्ध खत्म करने के लिए रूस पर दबाव बढ़ाने के और

उपायों पर चर्चा करने के लिए जी7 के वित्त मंत्रियों की एक बैठक की अध्यक्षता की। जी7, अमेरिका, कनाडा, फ्रांस, जर्मनी, इटली, जापान और ब्रिटेन सहित समूह है। कनाडा इस वर्ष जी-7 की अध्यक्षता का प्रमुख है। बातचीत के बाद अमेरिकी

वित्त विभाग के एक बयान में कहा गया, ‘जी-7 के वित्त मंत्रियों के साथ आज की बातचीत के दौरान विदेश मंत्री बेसेंट ने राष्ट्रपति ट्रंप के हमारे जी-7 साझेदारों से किए गए आग्रह को दोहराया कि यदि वे यूक्रेन में युद्ध समाप्त करने के लिए सचमुच प्रतिबद्ध हैं, तो उन्हें रूस से तेल खरीदने वाले देशों पर शुल्क लगाने में अमेरिका का साथ देना चाहिए।’ बयान में किसी देश का नाम नहीं लिया गया। लेकिन अमेरिका अक्सर भारत और चीन पर रूस से तेल खरीदने का आरोप लगाता रहा है। हालांकि उसने चीन पर इसके लिए कोई शुल्क नहीं लगाया है।

ट्रंप ने नाटो देशों से रूसी तेल की खरीद बंद करने की अपील की

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ट्रंप ने नाटो देशों से रूसी तेल की खरीद बंद करने की अपील की

बास्किंग रिज, 13 सितंबर (एपी)।

अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने रविवार को कहा कि उनका मानना है कि यदि नाटो के सभी सदस्य देश रूस से तेल खरीदना बंद कर दें और रूसी पेट्रोलियम खरीदने को लेकर चीन पर 50 फीसद से 100 फीसद तक शुल्क लगा दें, तो रूस-यूक्रेन युद्ध खत्म हो जाएगा।

ट्रंप ने एक सोशल मीडिया साइट पर किए गए पोस्ट में कहा कि युद्ध जीतने के लिए नाटो की प्रतिबद्धता ‘100 फीसद से भी कम रही है और उत्तरी अटलांटिक गठबंधन संधि (नाटो) के कुछ सदस्यों द्वारा रूसी तेल की खरीद चीकाने वाली है। उन्होंने कहा, यह रूस के साथ आपकी बातचीत की स्थिति और सौदेबाजी की शक्ति को



बहुत कमजोर करता है। ऊर्जा एवं स्वच्छ वायु अनुसंधान केंद्र के अनुसार, चीन और भारत के बाद रूसी कच्चे तेल का नाटो सदस्य तुर्किये तीसरा सबसे बड़ा खरीदार रहा है। रूसी तेल खरीदने वाले 32 देशों के गठबंधन के अन्य सदस्यों में हंगरी और स्लोवाकिया भी शामिल हैं।

ट्रंप ने अपने पोस्ट में कहा कि रूसी तेल पर नाटो द्वारा प्रतिबंध और चीन पर शुल्क लगाए जाने से इस घातक, लेकिन हास्यस्पद युद्ध को समाप्त करने में भी बहुत मदद मिलेगी। राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि नाटो सदस्यों को चीन पर 50 फीसद से 100 फीसद शुल्क लगाना चाहिए और अगर रूस द्वारा 2022 में यूक्रेन पर आक्रमण के साथ शुरू हुआ युद्ध समाप्त हो जाता है, तो इसे वापस ले लेना चाहिए।