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NATO Chief Warns Brazil, China, India to Stop Doing Business with Russia

July 17, 2025 *breitbart.com* reported: “North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Secretary-General Mark Rutte on Wednesday warned Brazil, China, India, and other heavy buyers of Russian oil they could face stiff secondary sanctions if they keep doing business with Moscow.

‘My encouragement to these three countries, particularly is, if you live now in Beijing, or in Delhi, or you are the president of Brazil, you might want to take a look into this, because this might hit you very hard,’ Rutte told reporters after meeting with President Donald Trump and U.S. lawmakers in Washington, D.C.

‘So please make the phone call to Vladimir Putin and tell him that he has to get serious about peace talks, because otherwise this will slam back on Brazil, on India and on China in a massive way,’ he said.

Rutte was referring to President Donald Trump’s threat of ‘biting’ and ‘very, very powerful’ secondary tariffs on Russia if President Vladimir Putin does not make a peace deal in Ukraine within 50 days...”



US President Trump meets NATO Secretary-General Rutte

Khamenei: ‘Israel is a cancerous tumor, America’s dog—we can hit back even harder’

July 17, 2025 *ynetnews.com* reported: “Nearly a month after Israel’s Operation Rising Lion and the U.S. strikes on Iran’s nuclear facilities, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei resurfaced Wednesday with renewed threats toward Israel.

Speaking in Tehran, Khamenei called Israel a ‘cancerous tumor’ and branded the United States a partner in its crimes. He praised the fight against both the U.S. and what he called its ‘leashed dog,’ Israel.

In his address, Khamenei declared that Iran is fully prepared to respond to any renewed military attacks, claiming the country is capable of inflicting a harsher blow than the one delivered during last month’s 12-day conflict. According to him, Israel’s objective in launching the June assault was to destabilize the Iranian regime...”

Israel-Syria Live: Israel bombs Damascus, Syrian leader says not afraid of war

July 16, 2025 *reuters.com* reported: “Israel launched powerful airstrikes in Damascus on Wednesday, blowing up part of the defence ministry and hitting near the presidential palace as it vowed to destroy government forces attacking Druze in southern Syria and demanded they withdraw.

The attacks marked a significant Israeli escalation against the Islamist-led administration of interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa. They came despite his warming ties with the U.S. and his administration’s evolving security contacts with Israel.”

Khamenei warns Iran is ready to respond to any new attack, threatens ‘even bigger blow’

July 16, 2025 *jpost.com* reported: “Iran is ready to respond to any renewed military attack, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Wednesday, adding that Tehran was capable of delivering a bigger blow to adversaries than the one it gave during the 12-day Iran-Israel war.

‘The fact that our nation is ready to face the power of the United States and its dog on a leash, the Zionist regime (Israel), is very praiseworthy,’ Khamenei said in comments carried by state TV.

Israel and the US launched strikes on Iran’s nuclear facilities last month, saying that they were part of a program geared towards developing nuclear weapons. Tehran maintains that its nuclear program is purely for civilian”

Trump gives Russia 50 days to make Ukraine deal

July 14, 2025 *spacewar.com* reported: “US President Donald Trump told Russia on Monday to end its war in Ukraine within 50 days or face massive new economic sanctions, as he laid out plans for infusions of weaponry for Kyiv via NATO.

Trump said he was ‘very, very unhappy’ with Vladimir Putin, underlining his insistence that his patience had finally snapped with the Russian leader’s refusal to end the deadly conflict.

‘We’re going to be doing very severe tariffs if we don’t have a deal in 50 days, tariffs at about 100 percent,’ Trump said during an Oval Office meeting with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte.

The Republican added that they would be ‘secondary tariffs’ that target Russia’s remaining trade partners — seeking to impede Moscow’s ability to survive already sweeping Western sanctions...”

US, European allies to give Iran until end of August to reach nuclear deal – report

July 11, 2025 *timesofisrael.com* reported: “US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and the foreign ministers of France, Germany and the UK agreed in a phone call on Monday to set the end of August as the de facto deadline for reaching a nuclear deal with Iran, *Axios* reported Tuesday, citing three sources.

If no deal is reached by that deadline, the three European powers plan to trigger the ‘snapback’ mechanism that automatically reimposes all UN Security Council sanctions that were lifted under the 2015 Iran deal, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the report said.



U.S. Secretary Marco Rubio

The news site noted that the process of activating the mechanism would take 30 days, and the US and European powers would want to complete the process before Russia is set to assume the UN Security Council presidency in October...”

Trump: U.S. to send Patriot missiles to Ukraine, EU to pay bill

July 14, 2025 *spacewar.com* reported: “President Donald Trump said Sunday that the United States will send Ukraine Patriot air defense system munitions that the European Union will pay for.

Trump made the announcement to reporters during a press gaggle at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland after attending the Club World Cup final at New Jersey’s MetLife Stadium.

He told reporters the number of Patriot munitions hasn’t been agreed on yet, but was adamant Europe was to pay for them.

‘They’re going to have some because they do need protection, but the European Union is paying for,’ he said. ‘We’re not paying anything for it, but we will send it.’...”

Israel warns: Iran’s uranium potentially retrievable after US strikes

July 11, 2025 *israelnationalnew.com* reported: “A senior Israeli official on Thursday expressed concern that deeply buried stocks of enriched uranium at one Iranian nuclear facility, targeted by recent US military strikes, may still be retrievable, *The Associated Press* reported.

This assessment widens the view on the damage inflicted by last month’s strikes, in which the United States intervened in Israel’s conflict with Iran to counter the threat of a nuclear weapons program.

The senior Israeli official, speaking anonymously, stated that Israel believes Iran’s enriched uranium was distributed across the three sites and had not been relocated. The official added that while the enriched uranium at Isfahan could potentially be retrieved, it would necessitate a ‘very difficult recovery effort.’

Meanwhile, officials from the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency, responsible for designing the GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator bombs used against Fordow and Natanz, indicated they are still awaiting data to determine if the munitions reached their intended depths...”