Trump gives Russia 50 days to resolve Ukraine war

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s President Donald Trump on Monday told Russia to resolve its Ukraine war within 50 days or face massive new economic sanctions as he laid out plans for new infusions of weaponry for Kyiv.

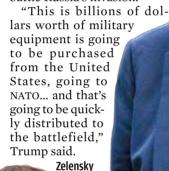
"We're very, very unhappy" with Russia, Trump told reporters as he met with NATO chief Mark Rutte in the White House.

"We're going to be doing very severe tariffs if we don't have a deal in 50 days, tariffs at about 100 percent," said Trump, adding that they would be "secondary tariffs"

that

target Russia's remaining trade cripple Moscow's ability to survive already sweeping Western under the deal.

Trump and Rutte also unveiled a deal under which the NATO military alliance would buy arms from the United States -- including Patriot anti-missile batteries -- and then distribute them to Ukraine to help it battle Russia's invasion.



January, as he sought to honor his election **Trump**

partners -- thereby seeking to minister, said Ukraine would get Ukraine war within 24 hours. an announcement on Monday "massive numbers" of weapons

sparked fears in Kyiv that he on Sunday that he would send Trump launched a bid at rap- was about to sell out Ukraine, vital Patriot air defense systems prochement with especially after Trump and his to Ukraine to help it fend off Putin shortly af- team berated Ukrainian Presi- escalating barrages of Russian ter starting his dent Volodymyr Zelensky in the attacks. second term in Oval Office in February.

'Assassin'

But Trump has shown growing anger and frustration with Putin in recent weeks as the House is the first since the for-Russian leader, instead of halt- mer Dutch prime minister deing his three-year invasion,

Trump added of Pu- June. tin on Monday: "I don't guy."

Zelensky. Zelensky hailed the "pro-

Rutte, a former Dutch prime campaign promise to end the Last week, Trump had teased ductive meeting", saying they His pivot towards Putin on Russia. He then announced

> Washington has also U-turned from an announcement earlier this month that it would pause some arms deliveries to Kyiv.

Rutte's visit to the White scribed Trump as "daddy" at a himself by his call sign Grizzly, instead stepped up attacks. NATO summit in The Hague in

Moscow has unleashed rewant to say he's an as- cord waves of drone and missile sassin, but he's a tough strikes over the past few weeks, with the number of Ukrainian civilians killed or wounded in June hitting a three-year high, according to UN figures.

> Trump's announcement on Monday came as his special envoy Keith Kellogg arrived in Kyiv to meet

had discussed "strengthening Ukraine's air defense, joint production, and procurement of defense weapons in collaboration with Europe."

The Ukrainian leader also said he was "grateful to President Trump for the important signals of support and the positive decisions for both our countries."

'Better late than never'

One Ukrainian soldier deployed in the war-scarred east of the country, who identified welcomed Trump's promise of fresh air defense systems.

"Better late than never," he told AFP

Because while we are here defending the front line, our families are unprotected. Thanks to the Patriots they are giving us, our families will be safer," the 29-year-old added.

Russian forces meanwhile said on Monday they had captured new territory in eastern Ukraine with the seizure of two villages, one in the Donetsk region and another in the Zapor-

> izhzhia region. Its forces also killed at least three civilians in the eastern Kharkiv and Sumy regions on Monday, regional Ukrainian officials announced.

Zelensky wants economy minister as new Ukraine PM in shakeup

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

T Jkrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Monday that he was recommending economy minister Yulia Svyrydenko become prime minister in a significant political shakeup for the war-scarred country.

The announcement could herald a wider reshuffle in the government, three years and half into the Russian invasion.

"I have proposed that Yuliia Svyrydenko lead the government of Ukraine and significantly renew its work," Zelensky wrote on social media, posting a picture of the two.

"I look forward to the presentation of the new govern- who became prime minister in ment's action plan in the nearfuture," Zelensky added.

Svyrydenko, 39, gained promminerals deal with the United who worked with Svyrydenko. States that nearly derailed ties portant military ally.



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky (L) attends a meeting with Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister Yuliia Svyrydenko (R) in Kyiv

would replace Denys Shmygal, three and a half years of war. 2020, in pre-war times.

"The government needs a Rustem Umerov as Ukraine's change because people are ex- ambassador to Washington, he inence this year during fraught hausted," said Tymofiy Mylova- said at a press conference last negotiations around a rare nov, a former economy minister week.

Mylovanov, who now heads between Kyiv and its most im- the Kyiv School of Economics, he said that "Ukraine needs said the changes would likely more positive dynamics in re-

Zelensky is also considering naming Defence Minister

Zelensky met with Umerov

over the weekend, after which If the change is approved, she bring "a sort of freshness" after lations with the United States

and at the same time new steps in managing the defense sector

of our state.' Svyrydenko, who is also a deputy prime minister, was appointed to manage Ukraine's struggling economy months before the Kremlin launched its full-scale assault in February



Ukraine's economy shrank nearly 30% in 2022 but has since shown resilience, driven by foreign aid, agricultural exports, and digital services. However, full recovery hinges on peace and reconstruction.

Small plane crashes at London regional airport



AFP | London, United Kingdom

small plane has crashed at Aa London regional airport, the police and Southend London airport announced Sun- evacuated a nearby golf club day, forcing its closure.

Video footage showed a they added. 12-metre plane in flames with a plume of black smoke at Sou- Southend Airport confirmed thend-on-Sea, an airport east of London.

"We are working with all emergency services at the with the local authorities and be ongoing for several hours," information as soon as possisaid a statement from Essex ble," it added.

police, describing it as a "serious incident"

Police said they had been alerted a little before 4:00 pm local time (1500 GMT). They and rugby club as a precaution,

A statement from London there had been "a serious incident" Sunday afternoon.

"We are working closely scene now and that work will will be able to provide more