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Morrison to unveil \$150 m support for Trump's Mars mission

China a threat to the world: Trump



Trump with Scott Morrison

The Guardian

Scott Morrison has used a visit to Nasa yesterday local time to unveil a \$150m investment in Australian businesses and new technology to support the American space agency launch expeditions to the moon and to Mars.

The Australian prime minister on his second day in the American capital visited Nasa, and also laid a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery. Morrison visited the graves of Australian military personnel and visit the tomb of The Un-

"We have a tremendous space programme. If you look at our facilities, they were virtually closed up. There was crabgrass growing on the runways and now they're vital.

"And you know, we're ... going to Mars. We're stopping at the moon. The moon is actually a launching pad. That's why we're stopping at the moon.

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Later in the day, the prime minister visited Bunker Labs and met entrepreneurs working with war veterans before attending a tree planting ceremony at the official residence of the Australian ambassador to Washington, Joe Hockey.

In a statement ahead of Saturday's programme, Morrison said the \$150m commitment over five years would see the Australian Space Agency "foster the new ideas and hi-tech skilled jobs that will make Australian businesses a partner of choice to fit out Nasa missions".

Asked on Friday in the Oval Office to outline how America and Australia could work together to develop the space program, Donald Trump claimed credit for reviving the sector. "We're doing a great program," the president said.

Morrison has been feted and challenged in equal measure during his opening stint in the American capital.

During his programme at the White House on Friday, Trump declared China was a threat to the world "in a sense" and raised the spectre of Australia joining a coalition of military action against Iran, before characterising Morrison as a "man of titanium".

The Australian prime minister dined with his American host in the Rose Garden at a state dinner on Friday night.

Morrison will leave Washington DC for Ohio today. Trump will accompany him to a new Australian-owned paper recycling mill in Ohio owned by the billionaire box maker Anthony Pratt, and later fly to Chicago before heading to the United Nations in New York next week.

Reactor at worst US nuclear accident site finally closed

New York

The last reactor at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania was finally shut down Friday.

The plant's first reactor -- which went online in September 1974 -- was shut down at noon local time (1600 GMT), according to the plant's owner Exelon, and the site will be dis-

mantled in the coming weeks.

On March 28, 1979, the second reactor experienced a cooling problem that -- coupled with a human error -- resulted in the partial melting of the reactor and the evacuation of 14,000 people. There were no casualties, but the incident led to the definitive closure of the reactor.

More than 100 arrested in Paris

AFP | Paris

Over a hundred demonstrators were arrested at yellow vest protests in Paris yesterday as about 7,500 police were deployed to quell any violence by the movement and its radical, anarchist "black blocs".

There were also fears that the demonstrators could try to infiltrate a march against climate change in the French capital.

The yellow vest movement erupted 10 months ago and blindsided President Emmanuel Macron, whom protesters accused of being out of touch with the needs of ordinary French people.

"What are we doing? We are assembling just to say that we can't make ends meet. (The protest) is not only against the president, it's against the system," said a woman protestor who did



Key yellow-vest figure Jerome Rodrigues has billed Saturday's protest as "a revelatory demonstration"

not give her name.

The weekly demonstrations -- yesterday was the 45th -- prompted Macron to loosen the state's purse strings to the tune of nearly 17 billion euros (\$18.8 billion) in wage boosts and tax cuts for low earners, but tapered off over the summer.

However, it remains to be seen

whether the movement will regain the momentum of the winter and early spring, when the protests often descended into violent clashes with security forces, especially in Paris.

By 1.00 pm (11 GMT) police had arrested 106 demonstrators, police headquarters said, adding that some had been found to

carry hammers or petrol canisters.

"We are being treated like criminals," said a woman, who identified herself as Brigitte.

The authorities had banned demonstrations in some areas of the city, including tourism hotspot Champs-Elysees, but some protesters violated the ban, leading to a tense standoff with police who used teargas and batons to scatter them.

Macron on Friday called for "calm", saying that while "it's good that people express themselves", they should not disrupt a climate protest and cultural events also due to go ahead on Saturday.

The number of police deployed for yesterday's rallies are on a par with the peak of the yellow vest protests in December and March.

Hong Kong police, protesters clash

Hong Kong

Riot police and protesters in Hong Kong fought brief skirmishes near the Chinese border yesterday, the latest clashes during huge pro-democracy protests that have battered the financial hub for more than three months.

Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at small groups of hardcore activists who had built barricades in the outlying town of Tuen Mun, some of them lobbing bricks and at least one Molotov cocktail.

Multiple protesters were seen being arrested in the clashes,



Police detain a demonstrator during protests in Hong Kong's Tuen Mun district

which were less sustained than the intense battles of previous weekends.

The city has been convulsed by months of huge, sometimes violent rallies calling for greater democratic freedoms and police accountability.

The movement is the biggest challenge to China's rule since Hong Kong was handed back by Britain in 1997 and shows no sign of ending, with city leaders and Beijing taking a hard line.

Saturday's clashes were the 16th straight weekend of protests and skirmishes.



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