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We were 51 in San Francisco; today we are 193 Member States in this United Nations General Assembly. And yet, we are dividing. The fracturing of our world is holding back our collective ability to resolve major conflicts and to meet our common challenges. Now more than ever, we must restore the spirit of cooperation that prevailed 80 years ago.

@EmmanuelMacron

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In a transformative push for maritime self-reliance, the Cabinet approved a package to rejuvenate India's shipbuilding and maritime sector. This historic move will unlock 4.5 million Gross Tonnage capacity, generate jobs, and attract investments.

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Wednesday's first-ever biennial summit on financing for development is a chance to practice networked, inclusive multilateralism. I call on leaders to use this opportunity to strengthen cooperation & take decisive steps toward a more resilient, inclusive & sustainable future.

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The entire globalist concept of asking successful, industrialized nations to inflict pain on themselves, and radically disrupt their entire societies, must be rejected completely and totally.

@POTUS

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US bans Iranian officials at UN from 'shopping spree'

State Department spokesman described it as "maximum pressure"

● The move restricts Iranian diplomats and other officials from visiting popular stores such as Costco, Sam's Club and BJ's Wholesale Club

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Iranian officials at the UN summit this week won't be able to shop in New York after the US government barred them from purchasing everything from bulk household goods to expensive watches.

The restrictions on the visiting Iranians were described by



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a State Department spokesman as "maximum pressure."

"We will not allow the Iranian regime to allow its clerical elites to have a shopping spree in New York while the Iranian people endure poverty, crumbling infra-

structure, and dire shortages of water and electricity," Thomas Pigott said.

The move restricts Iranian diplomats and other officials from visiting popular stores such as Costco, Sam's Club

and BJ's Wholesale Club, according to a notice published in the Federal Register on Tuesday.

The notice in the Federal Register also said Iranian officials would need to seek permission

from the State Department to buy "luxury goods."

A range of items, including watches, electronics and fountain pens, were listed, with restrictions kicking in if they were valued at more than \$1,000.

Vehicles worth more than \$60,000 were also listed as luxury goods.

Iran's economy has been hard hit by US sanctions, impacting imports of a range of goods and also Tehran's ability to sell its oil and other exports abroad.

US President Donald Trump has sought to cripple Iran's nuclear program since taking office this year, ordering bomb and missile attacks on three nuclear sites in June.

US Secretary of State Rubio, EAM Jaishankar meet at UNGA

Discuss trade, defence, energy ties

● Rubio stated that the meeting focused on various aspects of the bilateral partnership aimed at "enhancing prosperity for both nations"

● The US Department of State, in an official release, reaffirmed India's "critical importance" to Washington

● Despite recent challenges, the meeting is seen as part of a broader effort to reinforce India-US ties

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US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Monday met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the sidelines of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, where both leaders discussed strengthening strategic cooperation between India and the United States across key sectors, including trade, defence, energy, pharmaceuticals, and critical minerals.

In a post on social media platform X, Secretary Rubio stat-

ed that the meeting focused on various aspects of the bilateral partnership aimed at "enhancing prosperity for both nations."

"Met with Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at UNGA. We discussed key areas of our bilateral relationship, including trade, energy, pharmaceuticals, and critical minerals and more to generate prosperity for India and the United States," Rubio posted on X.

The US Department of State, in an official release, reaffirmed

India's "critical importance" to Washington and welcomed India's continued engagement on core sectors of mutual interest.

"Secretary Rubio, reiterating that India is a relationship of critical importance to the United States, expressed his appreciation for the Indian government's continued engagement on a number of issues, including trade, defence, energy, pharmaceuticals, critical minerals, and other items related to the bilateral relationship," the US

Department of State said in a statement.

The statement added, "Secretary Rubio and External Affairs Minister Jaishankar agreed that the United States and India will continue working together to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific region, including through the Quad."

On Monday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held a bilateral meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. He described the meeting as con-

structive and underlined the importance of sustained engagement.

In a post on X, EAM Jaishankar said, "Good to meet Secretary of State Marco Rubio this morning in New York. Our conversation covered a range of bilateral and international issues of current concern. Agreed on the importance of sustained engagement to progress on priority areas. We will remain in touch."

The meeting marked their first direct interaction since trade tensions escalated following steep tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump on Indian goods over India's purchase of Russian oil.

Despite recent challenges, the meeting is seen as part of a broader effort to reinforce India-US ties, which had shown signs of strain but are now moving towards recovery.

The two leaders had last met in Washington during the 10th Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting in July and had also interacted earlier in January this year. However, the upcoming bilateral meeting will be their first face-to-face interaction since trade frictions flared up after President Donald Trump imposed steep tariffs on Indian goods over the purchase of Russian oil.

The 80th session of the UNGA formally opened on September 9, 2025, with the High-Level General Debate commencing on September 23.