

Trump Announces US to Test Nuclear Weapons Before Meeting with China's Xi Jinping

SEOUL – President Trump has announced a major change in U.S. policy on nuclear weapon tests, instructing the Pentagon to begin testing nuclear weapons. The news came as he was set to meet with Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

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In a post on Truth Social, the president cited China and Russia's growing nuclear arsenals, writing: "Because of other countries' testing programs, I have instructed the Department of War to start testing our nuclear weapons on an equal basis.

President George H.W. Bush had invoked a moratorium on nuclear weapons tests after the fall of the Soviet Union.

President Trump made his announcement just minutes before a high-stakes meeting with China's President Xi Jinping. The two leaders met in South Korea today as the U.S. and China have been engaged in an escalating trade war.

Trump described his meeting with Xi as "great and friendly."

"President Xi is a great leader of a great country, and I think we're going to have a fantastic relationship for a long period of time," Trump said.

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“Given our different national conditions, we do not always see eye to eye with each other. And it is normal for the two leading economies of the world to have frictions now and then,” Xi said.

At a South Korean air base in Busan, Trump and Xi spent nearly two hours in closed-door talks – a meeting aimed at stabilizing relations after months of rising friction over trade, technology, and security.

The two leaders did not hold a press conference after the meeting. On the plane home, President Trump described the talks as “amazing,” saying the two nations reached several key agreements.

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The U.S. will cut some tariffs on Chinese goods by about 10 percent in exchange for Xi’s commitment to tighten control over chemicals used to make fentanyl. China will also end restrictions on rare earth mineral exports, critical for U.S. defense and tech industries, and resume buying U.S. soybeans immediately.

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